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Citizens Recommend Easing Zoning Rules



PRESENTING A CITIZENS' advisory committee's recommendations on a new county zoning ordinance is chairman Tim Handley, a Gonzales rancher. He and members of the group appeared Tuesday before a joint session of the supervisors and Planning Commission. The group proposed easing many rules in the proposed Title 21 ordinance. But some supervisors were clearly cautious about endorsing the proposed changes. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Supervisors View Changes With Caution

By Stan Hall

A citizens' advisory committee presented a rewritten Title 21 to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, saying it eliminated over-regulation in an earlier proposed zoning ordinance which threatened freedoms the country was founded on.

But some of the supervisors made it clear they thought the citizens had gone too far in clearing away regulation.

After six months of review and rewriting—a task that consumed some 3,000 hours of the citizens' time—committee chairman Tim Handley of Gonzales introduced the revised document to a joint session of the supervisors and the County Planning Commission.

He described it as a document that would take the power of decision-making out of the hands of the politicians and bureaucrats and return it to the people. "It was written by the people it will be used to govern," Handley said.

He said the original document reflected the view that "government knows what is best for the people; they must be protected. This document does away with that precept."

This prompted board chairman Sam Karas to protest: "Government does work. We are responsive to the people." He said supervisors represent 360,000 people in the county and "everybody has a fair shake."

Karas didn't raise immediate objections to the proposals laid out by members of the committee in an hour-long presentation. But some other supervisors did, making it clear that their specific objections would be withheld until after the Planning Commission has reworked the citizens' recommendations.

Supervisor Marc Del Piero raised questions about the committee's proposals on

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County Buys Water, Seeks New Operator For Troubled Cachagua Mutual Water Co.

Freeze damage to the Cachagua Mutual Water Company has gone unrepaired for nearly a month, leaving homeowners without water and prompting the County to buy them bottled water with a $5,000 emergency state grant.

"The people have really suffered," said County Environmental Health Director Walter Wong, adding that the County also sent a nurse to see families who had become ill after the water system was damaged by record cold during Christmas week.

Owner Don Gates, already facing charges of selling unregistered securities for his role in the water company, was ordered by Superior Judge Richard Silver on Jan. 7 to provide water to the system's users.

However, a Jan. 11 letter from the State Department of Health Services to Wong said Gates still was not taking action to repair the system despite the court order. In the letter, Catherine S. Ling, Monterey district engineer for drinking water, said the department had determined that "a public health emergency indeed does exist..." and approved the emergency grant to buy bottled water for the Cachagua area families.

A hearing on the County's attempt to get Gates to comply with Silver's order is scheduled for Jan. 25. In a memo to the Board of Supervisors, Wong said at that time, "the operation of this system may go into receivership, with a new operator to be approved by the Environmental Health Division."

Diane Popowski of the County Counsel's office will ask Silver at that hearing to order the appointment of a receiver to operate the troubled system.

"He still has refused to do anything to fix the damage," Wong told the *Sun*. "People haven't been able to bathe and they've had to buy drinking

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Carmel Postpones Hiring: Puts Temporary Hold On Capital Improvements with Revenues Short

By Isabelle Hall

In coming up $233,402 short of projected revenues over the past six months, the City of Carmel has imposed a temporary hold on hiring and cut back numerous scheduled capital improvements.

City Administrator Doug Schmitz warned when the budget was prepared last June that the depth of the recession and turmoil in the Middle East were unknown factors. At that time he proposed a systematic review procedure and plan to limit various expenditures should revenues fall short. The city council adopted the precautionary measure as part of the budget.

The shortage of revenues has halted temporarily $94,259 worth of capital improvements planned for the first quarter of 1991. These include work on the Scout House floor, $9,200, and Scout House basement sheetrocking, $5,000; the Chapman Room Wall, $18,000; the Post Office sidewalk, $9,000; Forest Hill Park restroom renovation, $41,827; and purchase of a City Hall computer room air system, $5,080; a computer modem, $3,578; cellular phone, $1,400 and a FAX machine, $3,578.

Schmitz told the *Sun* the city has a total cushion of about $200,000 through the deferral of such projects as a precautionary measure. Another $73,338 in expenditures for the April-June period also could be deferred if necessary, he said.

The six-month figures from five major sources of revenue for the city don't include actual Christmas sales tax results or the hostelry report, he explained. "Until we get these two reports, we have put a hold on two positions that have become vacant in the Public Works and Police Departments."

Partial Revenues July 1-Dec. 31

	1990	1989
Sales Tax	$924,285	$943,364
Hostelry	$1,464,625	$1,500,646
Parking Fines	$225,748	$247,376
Property Tax	$532,644	$553,073
Business License	$296,670	$308,905
Total	$3,443,972	$3,553,364

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Ticket Sales are Brisk for Carmel Valley Village Gala Fundraiser

Even a live rooster will be up for bids Monday night when the second annual Village Affair holds an evening of gourmet food and wine to raise funds for pedestrian pathways through the Village.

"Tickets are moving briskly," said Chairman Peter Coakley. "We're using the same format as last year but it will be much better. We have twice as big a tent that will be erected out beyond the Oak Tree at Los Laureles Lodge."

A week-long ski trip to Sun Valley, a week on Kauai in Hawaii and a three-day mini-clinic at John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch in Scottsdale, Ariz., all will be auctioned off. Gourmets can bid for one of seven top chefs to prepare a private dinner for eight in their home.

Door prizes include a two-night stay at the romantic Inn at Saratoga and $300 in cash. An original painting by noted artist Miguel Dominguez is among the items in the silent auction.

But, the rooster may cause the greatest sensation. Dorothy McEwen and Jim Fitch of Holman Ranch are donating the bird to the cause.

Entertainment will be provided by singing sheriff Pat Duval and Linda

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LETTERS

Don't Dry Up Garzas Creek

I am writing out of concern over the proposed development of the San Carlos Ranch above Carmel Valley. For the past 17 years, I have lived near the mouth of Garzas Canyon where Garzas Creek flows into the Carmel River. Some 600 acres of lower Garzas Canyon lies in Garland Ranch Regional Park. Garzas Creek has year around pools in this area even in the driest years, which provide needed water for wildlife. Trout, steelhead, deer, opossums, raccoons, ferrets, squirrels, birds, bobcats and mountain lions depend on these pools during the dry season.

Should they dry up, I have no doubt that much of the park's wildlife would retreat upstream. In addition to serving the needs of the wildlife, the water percolation through Garzas Canyon supports the rich growth of willows, sycamores, alders, thimbleberry and maples that makes the canyon such a special place for hikers and equestrians.

According to a Phillip Williams and Associates hydrology report done in 1989, the Garzas Creek area is the major water source available for drilling on the San Carlos Ranch. The report states that water supplies on the ranch are likely to be quite limited and will depend mainly on how productive the wells in the Garzas Creek alluvium prove to be. (The Garzas Creek alluvium is the broad valley near the existing main ranchhouse. Garzas Creek is dammed up here to create a small lake. Garland Ranch park lies directly downstream from the alluvium.)

Common sense dictates that any significant pumping from these wells is almost certain to dry up the lower portion of Garzas Creek during our long dry summers. My guess is that it would decrease the output of Cal Am's well on Garzas Road as well. My main concern is over using the water in Garzas Creek that flows downhill directly into Garland Park and the Carmel River aquifer—and constitutes a significant contribution to that aquifer—to supply yet another hotel and golf course. Our area has enough golf courses and hotels. Rather than finding their own water for their development, they will simply be pumping our water before it can run downhill to supply our community's needs.

Ralph Retherford, M. D.
Carmel Valley

Dog Fighters Get Puppies

It always distresses me to see signs, "Free Puppies," or "Free Kittens."

Because I know that fighting dogs are trained on live kittens and puppies. When they've been given enough live kittens and puppies to tear apart they are then considered ready to go into the pit, and tear each other to pieces.

And the dog-fighting people are not dumb. They will send a lovely young woman with a child to find just the family pet for their loving family. That's how the dog-fighting people get the kittens and puppies their dogs are trained to tear apart. Please!

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Another Post Office Letter

Sun readers might like to know that James D. Craig has at long last identified the specific source for his "accepted and fully documented location" of a U. S. Post Office called Carmel, which he still claims was located at what is today's Carmel Valley Village. Readers now have the opportunity to inspect this source and see that not only does it not substantiate his position, it fails to contain the information he claims it does.

Mr. Craig's fears for "preserving the integrity and security of government records" are unnecessary. They are open to the public, and the document he refers to as his source is, in his own words, "the (C. V.) History Society's photocopy of the ledger page from the U. S. Post Office's archives which states, all on the same line, that the post office designation Carmel was located at White Oak and opened in 1989, then closed in 1890."

Mr. Craig claims to have seen and used this document and that it was reproduced in the *Sun's* Centennial edition in 1989. Therefore, there is no mistake about which document he means. It is page 150 of the Monterey County section of the *Records of Appointments of Postmasters, State of California, 1848-1971* preserved in the National Archives in Washington. This register records the name of each office, the date their request for appointment was approved, whether their appointment was approved by the president and if the office was closed, the effective date and forwarding address. Specific site location data is not the purpose of this register and will not be found on any of the thousands of pages comprising the records.

Mr. Craig has told readers "...the ledger page... states, all on the same line,... the post office designated Carmel was located at White Oak..." Here is what the entry actually says: Carmel...Antonio Nunes...30 Oct. 89... Dis no pap 9 Apr. 90. And here is what it means: On Oct. 30, 1889, Antonio Nunes' request for appointment as postmaster was initially granted and on April 9, 1890, the entry was made indicating the office was discontinued (dis) and never operational because it received no papers (no pap), meaning site location and compensation records would be retained in the archives. There are no site location papers for an 1889 Post Office called Carmel. Had this office operated even briefly, the entry would indicate mail and papers to Monterey, the closest Post Office, some seven miles distant from Nunes' store and saloon, the proposed location at Point Lobos. The absence of a forwarding address confirms non-operation. There is no "White Oak...on the same line" as Mr. Craig wants readers to believe.

Closing this issue once and for all, readers may inspect this page 150 and others pertaining to Monterey County postal history at the Harrison Memorial Library, Local History Department, Park Branch, 6th and Mission Streets, Carmel, 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. An advance call to Linda Miles Coppens, the archivist, at 624-1615 would be helpful.

Richard C. Wilkerson

Shuler's Review "Delightful"

Since the initiation of "Discovery—The Lively Arts" column by Barbara Rose Shuler, I have wanted to write my appreciation for this quality addition to *The Weekly Sun*.

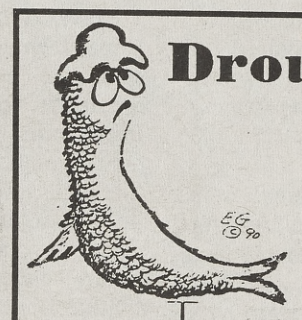
The columnist has a multi-dimensional intelligence and a multi-arts vocabulary. Her writing is filled with energy and insight. This week's column on George Winston is a beauty! It's not everyone who can give such a delightful (and richly deserved) "bashing" without malice.

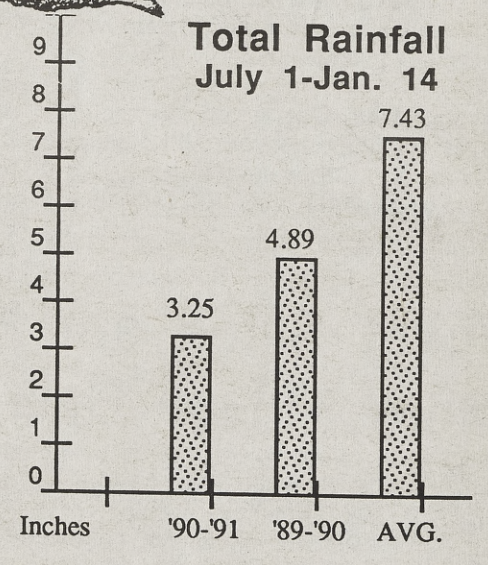
Barbara Shuler is obviously someone who enjoys life, language, the arts and writing about them.

What a bonus for all of us readers of *The Weekly Sun.*

Evelyn Nolt
Carmel Valley

Drought Watch





*The rain year is measured from July 1 to June 30. The chart above shows rainfall for year-to-date for this year, last year and what is average, based on 30-year records for Carmel Valley Village maintained by observer Graham Matthews.

For the full rain year, 30-year average precipitation in the Village is 18.25 inches. Since 1986, the area has received significantly below average rainfall. It got 11.24 inches in '86-'87, 10.06 in '87-'88, 11.06 in '88-'89 and 13.32 in '89-'90. *Chart by June Levora*

Report Warns New Dam Could Narrow River, Increase Flooding

Construction of a large new storage dam on the Carmel River could cause the downstream channel to narrow, become constricted by vegetation and be more likely to cause serious floods.

That warning was contained in a report prepared for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District by consulting hydrologists G. Mathias Kondolf and Graham Matthews. It was submitted to the water management district Dec. 10.

To avoid that prospect, the report recommended a systematic monitoring of the width of the streambed at various places and clearing of both vegetation and silt deposits when necessary after construction of a major new dam.

Of the alternative storage proposals being considered by the water management district, the two largest were deemed to have the potential for significant stream narrowing. They are a new 24,000-acre-foot Los Padres reservoir and a new 23,000-acre-foot San Clemente reservoir.

"The two largest mainstem projects would likely reduce channel cross sectional area by 35 to 45 percent," the report concluded. "The reductions in cross sectional area, when combined with increased channel roughness due to encroachment of vegetation, would reduce channel conveyance and potentially increase flood elevations," it added.

The report said the narrowing "could be expected to occur within a decade or two after the closure of the new dam," but it added that the degree and rate of narrowing would depend mainly on the timing of large floods which scour the river of vegetation and sand bars.

While each new flood would widen the channel temporarily, over time, the streambed "would re-establish a narrower equilibrium geometry" once a large dam was in place, the authors said.

The report noted that estimates by Matthews, former river hydrologist with the water management district, "would indicate that flood stages for the 100-year-flood could be elevated by about one foot on average" because of reduced channel capacity.

The report was based on a computer simulation model of the river, a study of the technical literature and examination of three central coast streams after they were dammed up. The streams were Coyote Creek below Coyote Reservoir and below Anderson Reservoir, Uvas Creek below Uvas Reservoir and Llagas Creek below Chesbro Reservoir.

In addition to the two new large reservoirs on the river, the report also analyzed the impact on the streambed of a 9,000-acre foot Los Padres reservoir, a 6000-acre-foot Cachagua Creek dam, an 11,000-acre-foot San Clemente Creek reservoir, a 10,500-acre-foot Chupines Creek Reservoir and the 25,000-acre-foot off-stream Canada reservoir.

It said the Chupines Creek, San Clemente Creek and smaller Los Padres projects would likely cause narrowing of 10 to 20 percent. The other alternatives would probably not cause any narrowing, the report concluded.

The authors said their search of technical literature "documents very large changes in channel capacity..., typically 30-60 percent."

"In the Carmel River, historical observations document channel narrowing and reduction of flood capacity from encroachment of riparian vegetation during drought years," the report said. It noted that the water management district just cleared the streambed of vegetation from above Rosie's Bridge to about the narrows.

By reducing flood scour, the authors said construction of new storage capacity on the river could cause even more vegetation to grow.

"On the other hand, releases from the proposed reservoirs could, for reaches of the river currently unstable due to a lack of riparian vegetation, tend to promote the re-establishment of a healthy riparian corridor and, as a result, channel stability," they said.



USING A CHIPPER, work crews cleared upper reaches of the Carmel River of vegetation recently. A hydrologists' report says this may continue to be necessary if a big new dam is built. They said it would cause the channel to narrow over time, increasing the possibility of serious flooding. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

Public Works Gets Message

"Please don't put any more stories in the paper about the trees on Boronda Road," pleaded Don Collins of the County's Public Works Department.

He said he had been inundated with calls and letters since a letter by Roger D. Williams appeared in the *Sun* about the possible trimming of the trees and Elizabeth Barratt wrote a follow-up on their historical significance in her *Yesteryears* column.

"We won't do anything about the trees without conferring with the citizens of the area first," Collins promised. "We've been reminded how important trees are to residents of your area."

Urging residents to share their views with Collins, Williams' letter said he was personally opposed to topping the giant eucalyptus or taking them out.



NON-NATIVE ACACIA TREES at Carmel River Beach are slated to be cut down by the California State Parks Department . *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

Mayor Outraged at State Parks Removal of Non-Native Trees

Carmel Mayor Jean Grace has complained to Assemblyman Sam Farr about the California Department of Parks and Recreation policy of eradicating all non-native species from state park lands.

"Most species, including humans, that have been here for many scores of years (e.g. acacia and eucalyptus for over 150 years) have become fully adapted and naturalized," she said. "One can't even fault them as 'exotic', as this term in botany means 'introduced from abroad, but not fully naturalized or acclimatized.'"

"I sense that the broader community is increasingly annoyed with the policy," Grace wrote Farr Jan. 10. "The program is destructive and possibly futile; in America we will never return to a prehistoric ecological condition."

Grace said last year 125 small acacia trees near the lagoon at the mouth of the Carmel River were destroyed, "solely because they were not native to the area," and one remaining grove "has been earmarked for the blade."

Once the grove, which is about 125 feet long by 50 wide and 15 feet high, is gone, Grace said, the only wind protection for visitors will be the restroom, and the birds routed from their former habitat will have nowhere to go.

"Based on public comments at our recent council meeting, there apparently is community outrage at this policy," wrote Grace. "At a time when this country is condemning the activities of other nations in destroying their rain forests, this policy is ludicrous.

"In many parts of our village, the stately blue gum eucalyptus provides added dimension to our streetscape, particularly along Fourth Avenue, San Antonio Street and Lincoln Street. What if the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea had a similar policy?'

Grace asked Farr to get the policy changed "on behalf of those of us who are outraged..."

The mayor is also mad at new walk-in fees of $2 for adults and $1 for children at Point Lobos State Preserve which went into effect Jan. 1. She questioned whether the fee policy was even consistent with the Coastal Act.

"Since when do we stoop so low as to charge people to walk along the coastline of California?" she demanded. "Please try to balance the state budget on something more substantial than children with sand buckets?"

"As our state representative, your intervention is sought to get the state's policies on non-native species and state park walk-in fees amended," Grace told Farr.

She also told him he could help preserve the sanctity of the Monastery Beach area where the city has opposed state parks plans for two parking lots.

"Instead of focusing on how to allow vehicles on the land adjacent to that beautiful bay, the State Parks Department should be pursuing plans to restore it to the beauty it has had for most of the twentieth century, and to reestablish all of the wetlands which existed in earlier times," Grace said.

School Seeks Help Collecting Receipts

Tularcitos Elementary School has collected $120,000 in Safeway receipts, but needs $30,000 more to earn an Apple computer, printer, and software in a program sponsored by the supermarket.

Susan Augustitus, a volunteer at the school, said the school would appreciate help from the community, since it is so near the $150,000 needed for the full computer package.

She said receipts for the Tularcitos program may be left at M. J. Murphy, Inc., Mid Valley Pharmacy, Carmel Valley Post Office, Carmel Valley Business Service or the school.

Other schools participating in the program accept receipts at their offices.



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Herman & Miriam Fickewirth

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SHERIFF'S LOG

MOUTH OF THE VALLEY. A man found lying alongside Carmel Valley Road near Rancho Canada was taken to Community Hospital. 1/7.

SOUTH COAST. A man refused to leave Rocky Point Restaurant; deputies arrived and escorted him out. 1/7.

HIGHWAY 1. The foreman at a house under construction on Hatton Road reported that vandals had damaged the central vacuum system. 1/8.

Mules Stray from Home

MID VALLEY. A man reported three stray mules on his property. 1/9.

SOUTH COAST. Two men found drunk on Highway 1 south of the Carmel River bridge were taken to jail. 1/9.

VILLAGE. An employee of Tin Lizzie Restaurant reported her vehicle had been vandalized. 1/9.

HIGHWAY 1. The theft of a TV and a VCR from the science room was reported by Carmel High School. 1/10.

RIO ROAD. Mission Inn officials reported the theft of a CD player during the night. 1/10.

Neighbors Fuss over Trees

MID VALLEY. A man on Schulte Road reported having trouble with a neighbor over the trimming of trees on their property line. 1/10.

VILLAGE. A rear door was found open at Carmel Valley Hardware by a patrolling deputy; nothing was amiss. 1/10.

Trouble at the Running Iron

VILLAGE. A Running Iron employee reported a fight between two customers; a window was reported broken. 1/11.

RIO ROAD. A Prunedale woman was discovered at Highway 1 and Rio Road unresponsive to anything. Determining she had multiple personalities and perhaps was suffering from a drug overdose, deputies took her to Community Hospital. 1/11.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Carmel Valley man reported the theft of his wallet while he was shopping at Albertsons about noon. 1/12.

VILLAGE. A white powder in a small matchbox, a straw, piece of glass and a razor blade were reported found in the parking lot at Stew's Plumbing. 1/12.

RIO ROAD. A Carmel man lost three hubcaps off his VW Beetle while parked at the Crossroads, but a note on the windshield, apparently left by a witness, provided a license number. Following up, deputies found and recovered the hub caps in the home of a Pacific Grove man. 1/12.

SOUTH COAST. A Yankee Point woman reported someone came to her door and threatened to kill her. 1/12.

Car Catches Fire

MID VALLEY. A Yankee Point woman reported her car caught fire for no apparent reason while parked at Hacienda Hay & Feed. 1/13.

VILLAGE. Community Hospital said it had treated a woman who said she was kidnapped from the Village, driven about six miles east and raped. 1/13.

VILLAGE. A woman reported her car was vandalized while it was parked outside her home on Paso Hondo. 1/13.

VILLAGE. An owner of Tin Lizzie Restaurant said someone scratched the side of her BMW and suggested it might have been done by a man who had an earlier altercation with her boyfriend. 1/13.

SOUTH COAST. A Sacramento man complained his car was burglarized while it was parked alongside Highway 1 at Soberanes Point. 1/13.

Grand Jury Raps Board On Water, Sales to Park

By Stan Hall

The Board of Supervisors took the hardest knocks in the 1990 Monterey County grand jury report—notable mostly because it seemed to go out of its way to avoid making anybody mad.

The report rapped the supervisors for their handling—or lack of it—of the drought-caused water shortage and for selling a passel of small tax-delinquent building lots in Sand City to the regional park district without charging penalties and interest.

The 19-member grand jury dealt with such matters as how the Soledad police department disposes of stolen bicycles it has recovered, the way King City Municipal Court charges for traffic fines and how people keep trespassing on private property at the Salinas River near Camp Roberts.

The County Planning Department, as the grand jury noted, has been the subject of investigation over the past five grand juries. But the 1990 panel even found something nice to say about it: "The Planning Department appears to have made an effort to improve the service to the public at the front counter and on the telephone."

In a year when resignations, vacancies and low morale crippled the Planning Department, the grand jury appeared to try to make a positive out of the turnover, stating: "This year, the Planning Department has hired or promoted to new positions almost 70 percent of its planners and supervisors."

The jurors did caution the supervisors, who gave the department about half the additional personnel it requested, that "all the problems of the department will not be solved by filling the vacancies..."

The jury said the board should insist on receiving progress reports "that identify a number of citizen complaints focusing on improving the department until the public can be served efficiently, fairly and courteously."

On the issue of the supervisors' handling of the water shortage, the 1990 grand jury's criticism was almost the same as the 1989 jury's.

"The Board of Supervisors... has failed to acknowledge the severity of the countywide water crisis and continues to delay the formulation, funding and communication of potentially politically unpopular and confrontational issues and recommendations."

The jurors, endorsing the concept of a countywide water administration board that would be independent of the supervisors, also accused them of "lack of enthusiastic leadership and direction" on water issues.

Similarly, the supervisors took their lumps for being "hesitant and ineffective" in leading the County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

The panel commended the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for recognizing the seriousness of the shortage and taking both short and intermediate action to find solutions. It cited the hiring of a hydrological staff and an experienced general manager.

But as did the 1989 jury, it urged the 1991 grand jury to continue to monitor the performance of the County's water resource agencies.

The grand jury's examination of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District grew out of a complaint filed by the City of Sand City, which questioned its relationship with the Big Sur Land Trust. The investigation cleared the park district of all charges, except some old violations of the Brown Act which requires public agencies to conduct business in the open.

But the jurors also concluded that "the Board of Supervisors should have negotiated a sales price that included interest and penalties" for the small lots in Sand City.

"The public must be made aware that the removal of lands for parks removes land from the tax rolls. The need to preserve land must be balanced with the effects from lowering total assessed valuation available for taxes," the report said.

The regional park district has acquired some 100 small beach lots in Sand City over the past two years to block development of hotels and condominiums. In May, the park district bought 25 of the lots for $38,428 in back taxes. The county waived an additional $26,747 in penalties and stipulated that the lots be preserved as open space.

Big Sur Session Set

The Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council will meet Friday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. in the Pfeiffer State Park Conference Room.

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GENE ERNER, right, accepts his Good Egg from Jack George at Friday's annual dinner at Carmel Valley Ranch.



JERRY FOOTE, left, poses with Doug Despard who holds her Good Egg certificate.

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DEAN DIAZ, SR., accepting a Good Egg for his son, Dean, Jr., is congratulated by Don Cummings, left, and master of ceremonies Lou Allaire, right.

Foote, Erner, Diaz Named Good Eggs for Civic Service

Three more names have been added to Carmel Valley's Good Egg honor roll of civic-minded citizens which stretches all the way back to 1953. They are Jerry Foote, Gene Erner and Dean Diaz.

The three were honored Friday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce installation dinner at Carmel Valley Ranch Resort as part of the long-standing tradition of recognizing those who contribute unselfishly to Valley life.

Good Eggs are selected by the vote of those who have been similarly honored in the past.

Introducing the awards, Lou Allaire, Village insuranceman and unofficial "manager" of the Carmel Valley airport, said that the first Good Eggs, named in 1953, were Frank Porter, Byington Ford and Edison Holt.

Donald Cummings sponsored Diaz for the honor. Since he was out of town on business, it was accepted by his father, Dean Diaz, Sr.

Diaz, owner with his wife, Josie, of the Plaza Linda Mexican Restaurant, has been a member of Christians in Commerce for 16 years, Cummings said, in addition to taking part in many civic activities.

Erner, managing broker at Porter Marquard Realty, was cited for his service to the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA), Carmel Valley Kiwanis, the Mid Valley fire district board and his work with the Fiesta, a local fundraising event which he is chairing this year.

Erner, who retired to the Valley after a 30-year Navy career, was introduced by Jack George.

Described as a long-suffering Air Force wife, Foote was introduced by Doug Despard. Among her contributions, he cited her service as president of the CVPOA, to St. Dunstan's Church, with the League of Women Voters and the Big Sur land Trust.

As part of the ceremonies, Shim LaGoy, director of golfing operations at Rancho Canada, presented a check for $6,570, the proceeds from a charity golf tournament staged at Rancho Canada in September. The money will be divided among six different Valley groups, including the Chamber, which planned to use its share to purchase a computer for its office.

The tournament was the idea of Nick Lombardo, a principal in Rancho Canada, who was named a Good Egg a year ago. He said at the time that he wanted to find a way to put something back into the community.

Inducted as 1991 chamber officers at the dinner were: Vivian Miller, First Interstate Bank, president; School Superintendent Bob Infelise, first vice president; Norma Wright, Cypress Coast Bank, second vice president; Vicki Wolpert Duke, Chamisal Tennis Club, secretary; Patricia Porter-Hoover, Mail Boxes Etc., Inc., secretary; Rosie McHale, Bank of America, treasurer; and, Dr. Steve Austin, Carmel Valley Dental Center, past president.



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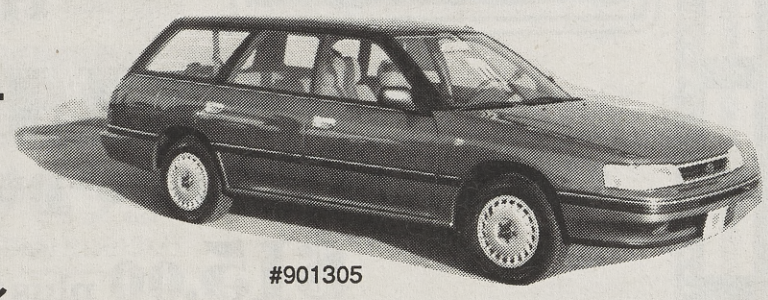
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Point Lobos Preservation A Priority But Funds Not Available at Present

The regional park district is "absolutely" interested in trying to preserve 1,700 acres across from Point Lobos as open space, but it will have to join with other agencies to try to buy it, said General Manager Gary Tate.

"I believe this will be a high priority project at both the state and the regional levels. It already was on our list," Tate said.

His comments were made to the *Sun* after the owners of proposed Point Lobos Ranches said that they would be willing to sell it to a preservation agency or group of agencies rather than proceed with their proposed $125 million project.

Brian Steen, executive director of the Big Sur Land Trust which in all probability would have to be one of the regional park's partners in the purchase of the property, shared Tate's enthusiasm for trying to acquire it.

However, he noted that none of the agencies expected to take part had money available now.

"My concern is that we not be lulled into a false sense of security now that the owners have made their announcement, thinking that the property is safe from development. We still have a great deal to do if we're going to to preserve it," Steen said.

In addition to the regional park district and the Big Sur Land Trust, a private agency which seeks contributions to go toward saving scenic open spaces, the state parks is also interested in preserving the land and likely would also become a partner in any purchase attempt.

"One of the next steps is to get the property appraised," Tate said, "Whether it's a bargain price or not, we'll have to see."

In making their announcement, the property's owners said they would sell it for preservation for its assessed value, rather than seek a fair market price based on the possibility that the property could be developed. An attorney for the owners, Larry Horan, said it was assessed at $24.5 million in 1988, but he did not know how it might have appreciated since then.

"Absolutely," Tate replied when asked if the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District were interested in buying the parcels across from Point Lobos State Reserve, the second most popular state park.

"But it definitely would have to be a cooperative effort," he added, "we would need state participation."

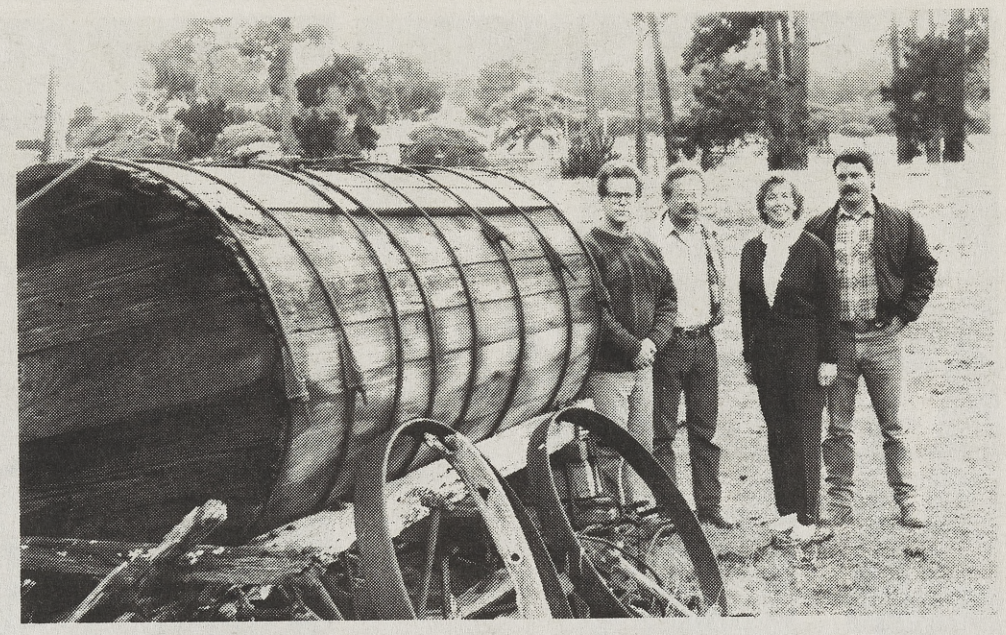
Noting the park district still was evaluating properties that it wants to try to purchase with so-called mountain lion habitat money, Tate said "I don't want to be premature."

In addition to the mountain lion habitat initiative approved by voters in 1990, the park district is considering creating a special benefit district to raise additional money for the purchase of open space.

Announced in July, the proposed Point Lobos development would include 240 lodge units, a 360-car underground garage, tennis courts and swimming pools, a 36-bed hostel, 36 apartments for employees, six low to moderate incoming housing units and 42 new and existing homesites.

Steen told the *Sun* that he had anticipated that more money would be available for the purchase of open space, but he noted that voters rejected a state initiative last year which would have provided additional funds for parkland purchases.

While members of the pioneer Hudson, Riley, Whisler and Wilson families who share an interest in the property have expressed willingness to sell to preservation groups, they have said that they intend to proceed with their development plans until a sale is completed.



POINT LOBOS RANCH heirs Mathew Hudson, John Hudson, Mary Whisler and Mark Whisler are among current owners of the 1,700 acres across from Point Lobos. They posed recently after announcing that they would be willing to sell the property for preservation rather than develop it. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Bookmobile Schedule Announced

Monterey County's Bookmobile has announced it will visit three area locations each Friday through spring.

The Bookmobile will be at Carmel Highlands fire station from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; at the southwest corner of Carmel Rancho Shopping Center from 11:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and at Mid Valley Center from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Girl Scout Cookies Go on Sale

More than 3,500 Girl Scouts began the annual cookie sale in the tri-county area Jan. 12. Orders will be taken through Jan. 27, and deliveries to customers will be from Feb. 16 through March 3.

County Accepts Pacific Meadows Easement, But Delays Temporary Change in Low Income Status

County supervisors readily approved an easement for a trail to connect Pacific Meadows with Jack's Peak Park Tuesday, but they were not so sanguine about even a temporary change in the new housing project's stated purpose.

The board unanimously approved the easement after the Planning Department staff noted it not only provided access to Jack's Peak from Carmel Valley, but also called for a trail to loop all around the 340-acre property.The property, located just west of Del Mesa Carmel, abuts Jack's Peak, a County park which is accessible from Highway 68.

The easement was provided by the Housing Authority of Monterey County which also granted a scenic easement to prohibit any development on slopes steeper than 30 percent.

But the supervisors put off action until Tuesday at 4 p.m. on a request by developers of the $12 million, 200-unit project that they be given the flexibility to specify that all units could be rented as moderate income housing just during the construction phase of the project.

Architect Ray Parks said this flexibility was necessary to meet the requirements of Wells Fargo bank which was providing the construction loan. Without it, he said "I'm afraid the project would stop now due to lack of financing." He added that American Baptist Homes, which will operate the project once it is completed, is using its own money now to keep construction going.

In proposing the project to the supervisors, the developers had said the project would result in a combination of low and moderate income housing.

Parks said this was still the goal of the project and that the coalition that is providing permanent financing "would insist on it."

But he said Wells Fargo needed that assurance to go ahead with the construction loan "just as a worst case scenario."

The supervisors asked Parks and Housing Authority officials to come back next week with schedules showing projected rents for the low and moderate units in the project.

A number of supervisors noted that the project received all kinds of breaks in the planning process, including an allocation of water, on the basis that it would provide badly needed low and moderate cost housing in Carmel Valley.

"If we get through construction, half will be low cost," Parks promised, noting that the Housing Authority then would be responsible for policies governing the project's operation.

It is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1991, he said, and the permanent financing would replace the construction loan early in 1992.

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Recycling to Start in February

Curbside recycling will begin in the Carmel Valley Disposal service area in the first couple of weeks of February, according to Jim Carroll, one of the owners of the firm.

He said the sets of three multicolored plastic bins that are to be used for holding glass, newspapers and plastic and aluminum containers are on hand and ready to be delivered to customers.

However, he said new trucks that are needed to make the system work effectively were still on their way from the east as of Monday. Once they arrive, they still must be painted, he said.

The trucks, boxes made by a Canadian firm mounted on White chassis, are a different design that allows operators to load material onto them from several different positions, not just the back.

"We intend to separate the glass as we pick up," Carroll said, explaining that would make the operation more efficient.

Under a state law approved last year, counties and cities must reduce the waste that they put into landfills by 25 percent by 1995 and by half by 2000.

One of the major components of garbage picked up from an area like Carmel Valley is yard clippings and trimmings. In a pilot program to see how much of that kind of material can be diverted from landfills and turned into compost, Carmel Valley Disposal has scheduled two yard cleanup pickups. They will be the weeks of March 18-22 and Sept. 16-20.

On those days a separate truck will make rounds to collect compostable materials, the idea being to turn them into soil conditioners for use in the Salinas Valley.

"Depending on the results of the pilot program, we might try to do composting pickups on a weekly or monthly basis in the future, Carroll said.

Supervisors Give Carmel Meadows And Carmel Point Special Amendment

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday unanimously approved an amendment to the Monterey County Local Coastal program which would allow houses in Carmel Meadows and Carmel Point destroyed by natural disaster to be rebuilt to their original height.

Houses in the sensitive coastal regions also could be expanded to 10 percent more of their original square footage and floor area under an amendment introduced by Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman. It was recommended by the Planning Department to allow for minor design flexibility.

The measure is the result of a previous resolution adopted by the board March 6, 1990, to lower the height limit in the two areas to just 18 feet. At that time, the board asked the Planning Commission to consider an exemption for rebuilding of structures in the event of a catastrophe or disaster, provided there was no expansion of the original stucture. The Planning Commission aproved the amendment 8-0.

The amendments must be certified by the California Coastal Commission. Carmel Meadows is a large subdivision west of Highway 1 and south of Rio Road. The Carmel Point area runs from Santa Lucia to the north, Scenic Road to the west and south, Carmelo Street to the east and along 16th Avenue and Monte Verde on the western edge of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

The height of existing single family houses in both areas ranges from 14 feet to over 30 feet.

Carmel Cuts Back

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In addition to the decline in major tax revenues, the city has not yet received any payment from Monterey County for $57,500 in unsecured property taxes whereas normally it would have been paid 92 percent of these funds by now.

Adding to Carmel's financial problems, the U.S. Census counted fewer people than the city believes it has which may result in the loss of another $53,000 in anticipated revenues. In addition, the recently imposed County processing fee on jail bookings has clouded the picture.

Carmel budgeted some $8 million in total spending for the current fiscal year which ends June 30 and a similar amount for 1991-92.

The Hostelry Tax on motel and overnight room rents—the city's single largest source of revenue—had been projected to increase just $30,000 to $2.8 million in 1990-91 and by another $76,000 in 1991-92.

Although parking fines do not specifically relate to the collection of tourist-type taxes, they do reflect fewer people being in town violating the city's ultra-strict parking regulations and being tagged by vigilant meter maids.

City Sends Planners To S. F. Convention

The Carmel City Council has authorized spending $4,088 to send its entire Planning Commission to attend a four-day conference in San Francisco next month.

The Planning Commission voted Dec. 19 to ask the council to pay for its seven members to attend the International Making Cities Liveable Conference Feb. 26 to March 2. The conference features speakers from around the world discussing architecture, street design, transportation and housing.

The council approved the request Jan. 8 although no funds had been appropriated as part of the biennial budget for the event. The cost for each commissioner was pegged at $584, including registration, transportation, and three nights lodging and meals.

Village Preservation District Ordinance Approved

The Carmel City Council Tuesday approved an enabling ordinance that will permit the designation of a Village Preservation District.

The idea for the ordinance stems from a request by Zigmont LeTowt to rezone property he owns so he could rent it to the popular Creme Carmel restauarant. His request was denied by the Planning Commission and his appeal denied by the council.

At the suggestion of Councilwoman Barbara Brooks, however, the council voted to have the staff look into how to preserve the property between Fourth and Fifth Streets on the west side of Mission which is the site of several early Carmel cottages.

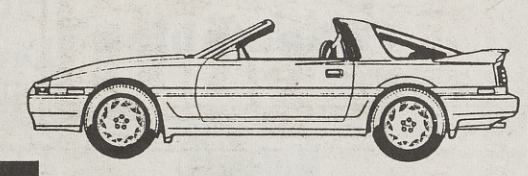
Under the enabling ordinance, the city could designate certain "adaptive uses" for property within a preservation district.

Snivley's Ridge Hike Set on Saturday

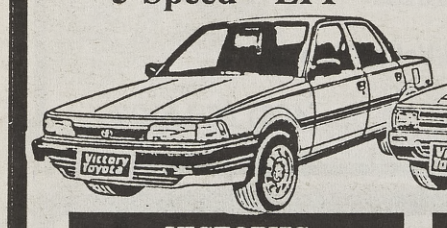
The Monterey Perninsula Regional Park District will sponsor a hike to the top of Snivley's Ridge in Garland Park on Saturday, Jan. 19.

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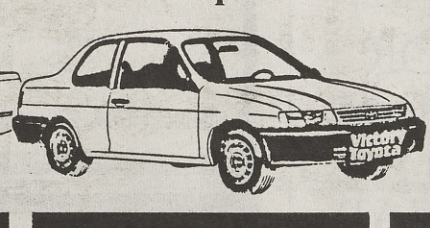
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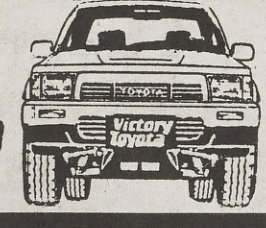
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Teachers Get 6 Percent Pay Hike, Health Insurance Savings Bonus

By Carolyn Rice

Carmel teachers have reached a tentative agreement with the school board on a 1990-91 contract providing raises averaging 6 percent—plus a one-time $700 bonus for each teacher from the district's health insurance savings.

The increases will boost a beginning teacher's salary $1,500, from $21,424 to $22,924, while teachers at the top of the scale will earn $2,648 more, from $39,531 to $42,179. Overall, the raises will add a total of $282,863 to Carmel's yearly costs for teacher compensation.

Jim Agan, chief negotiator for the Association of Carmel Teachers, said the increases are not as good as they might appear because no change was made in the pay scale last year. The teachers did receive a 3 percent bonus last year, he said, but this money was not added to the permanent pay scale since the district did not know if it could continue to fund it.

"Basically, we're calling this is a cost-of-living increase," said assistant superintendent Vance Baldwin.

Both teachers and classified personnel—such as bus drivers, teachers' aides and secretaries—will receive a one-time bonus of $700 as part of the new, one-year contract.

Superintendent Robert Infelise told the *Sun* money for the bonus came out of the savings the school district achieved by providing its own health insurance.

In line with that, the tentative agreement information which teachers approved 54-0 Tuesday night said the raises represented "the willingness of district personnel to work with the district toward health insurance cost containment."

Last spring, the district dropped out of the county health insurance pool, believing it could save significant funds by insuring itself.

Contracts with classified employes were settled earlier. Classified personnel received a 1 per cent salary increase plus a 65-cent an hour increase.

Baldwin said on the new classified scale, a beginning custodian would start at $7.84 an hour.

The district employs 115 teachers and 125 full-time and part-time, classified personnel.

Agan said the tentative agreement "isn't cast in stone until the board approves it." But Baldwin said he expects board approval at its Jan. 24 meeting.

Baldwin said he thinks the community could have a "mixed reaction" to the raises in view of a proposed $80 parcel tax the district will ask voters to approve in the June 4 election.

But he said, "our staff is what makes the system work, and they need to be compensated fairly. Our salaries are not out of line in any way, shape, or form with salaries that are being paid in the profession. In comparison to other school districts in Monterey County, we're not at the top."

School district administrators have said in the past that the district income allows for a comfortable day-to-day operation, but does not provide money for proper upkeep of the facilities.

Agan said that one teacher who has worked for the district for 27 years told him that her salary increase puts her at the same salary as her son who is just graduating from college in engineering.

"We're doing our best to stay even," Agan said of the salary increases.

The tentative contract also includes $50,000 for a one-year Education Innovation Fund to provide grants to encourage teachers to develop or revise educational programs. The teachers' association and school board will review and approve applications, according to the tentative agreement information given to teachers.

But Delay Vote

Schools to Sell Land

Carmel School Board members expressed their intent to sell the district's 18.5 acre Scarlett Road property in the near future, but postponed a vote on the matter until their next meeting.

At the Jan. 10 meeting, members discussed the legal and engineering counsel needed to market the property. It is zoned for three lots now, but has the potential to accommodate four lots, according to Vance Baldwin, assistant superintendent.

The board did not vote on a motion to sell the property since it did not contain a limit on the amount to be spent for legal fees. Board member Hilton Bialek requested that such an amount be determined by the administration before the board took final action.

The property was purchased in the early 1960s when projections indicated that Carmel Valley would grow quickly, creating the need for additional schools.

The board also heard about the efforts of the Citizens for Carmel Schools, a group recently organized to promote passage of an $80 special parcel tax on June 4. The funds generated from passage of this tax would be used to purchase new school buses and do some of the $3 million-$5 million in deferred maintenance the district has identified.

The board postponed the vote from March, hoping to build more community support for it. "I am enthused because this time around, they are so enthused," Baldwin said of the Citizens for Carmel Schools. To fund its efforts, the group has announced it will hold a Feb.10 golf tournament at Rancho Canada and is looking for 100 entrants at $100 each. Baldwin said the group also plans a kickoff party on March 8 at Carmel High School.

Superintendent Robert Infelise said that the group plans to hire a local public relations firm to help promote passage of the tax, but that it would raise the funds for this. While the district would not pay for the public relations consultant, he added, it might spend funds to disseminate information about the need for the tax.

The board also heard from two high school student representatives to the board, Trent Teti and Forrest Melton, who reported that students cars now overflow available parking spaces by 40 to 50 vehicles.

Teti reported students have come up with two possible solutions: expand parking onto the Cal Trans strip that runs parallel Highway One and north of the Ocean Avenue stoplight or parcel out the existing parking spaces with seniors and student body officers getting preference.

Infelise said that several years ago when Cal Trans offered the land for school parking use, the board was leery of the potential liability due to lack of supervision.

Other members recalled the protest from neighbors who objected to high school students parking in the vacant land strip in front of their homes. "It was their impetus that brought the no parking signs (currently posted) from Cal Trans," Pat Herro said.

Patricia Condren noted that a recent Association of Monterey Bay Area Government (AMBAG) report called for a 50 percent cut in student driving to school to help reduce air pollution.

Previously, residents who spoke in behalf of the students noted that students must provide their own transportation in order to participate in after school sports or work after school. Others require cars to enable them to attend college classes at Monterey Peninsula College.

Middle School Science Projects on Display

Carmel Middle School opens its gym doors tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 for a community review of Science Fair projects prepared by each sixth, seventh and eighth grade student.

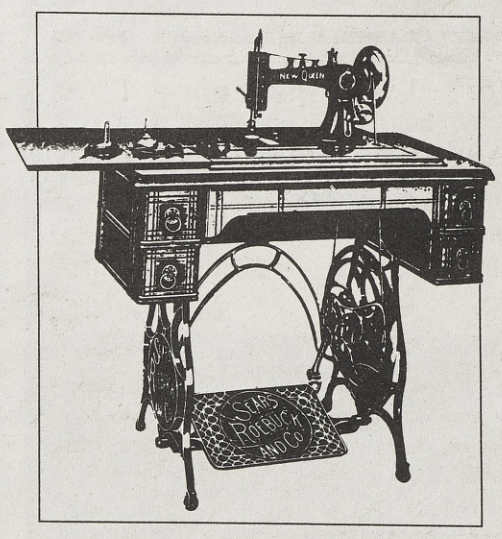
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Program Helps Elementary Students Adjust

By Carolyn Rice

Kids' Corner has come to Tularcitos and River Elementary Schools. Its goal is to tackle students' little problems before they develop into big ones.

School psychologists and Monterey county mental health personnel jointly operate the project. They told the Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) Board about it at its most recent meeting. The program got started in November.

In the program, students who are identified by their classroom teachers and school psychologists as having some mild adjustment problems with social relationships, classroom behavior or feelings meet with one of four para-professional aides who were hired especially for the program.

Marvin Biasotti, CUSD school psychologist, said the aides then spend 30 minutes a week for 12-15 weeks in non-directed play with the children. The idea, he said, it to help the youngsters develop a positive feeling about themselves and about school.

"There aren't many times for a child to get individual attention at school," said Stuart McDowell, another school psychologist.

The school district managed to work the program into the schools despite limited budgets. It arranged a $28,000 grant from the California Department of Mental Health and redefined the responsibilities of the some existing staff, Biasotti said.

Biasotti said he advises teachers when considering selections for the program, "if you had a half-hour a week to spend with a kid and you knew it would make a difference, who would that kid be?"

"School can be a lonely even frightening experience," said a video presentation shown to the school board. The Primary Intervention Program—Kids' Corner is the local name—was set up statewide in 1981 to deal with school adjustment problems. It is financed by drug bust funds.

The video, which was produced by the state, went on to say that nationally three out of ten students have school adjustment problems with the figure jumping to seven out of ten in some urban areas.

Julie Ziegler, of the Monterey County Department of Mental Health, said that the children in the program do not have severe problems. "We're looking at kids who are a little withdrawn, a little restless, or a little aggressive."



WORKING AS PARAPROFESSIONALS in the Kid's Corner program at Tularcitos School are Susan Augustitus and Heidi Colby work. The program was designed 30 years ago in New York to help students who have mild difficulties with social relationships, classroom behavior, or feelings. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

She said from a mental health professional's perspective, "it's exciting to be doing something in the preventative area," adding that usually mental health professionals deal with problems when they become severe.

Biasotti said that Kids' Corner does not work for students with severe problems. "It is not a therapy program and not a tutorial program. It is an early intervention program, not a treatment program," he said.

In an interview, Susan Augustitus, who works as an aide in the Tularcitos Kids' Corner, said she concentrates on the child's school experiences. "I am not there to fix what goes on at home," she said. She added that she tries to establish a special friendship with each child and talks to them "about my experiences and how I dealt with problems."

She said that she was able to share with one child who spent recess watching classmates from the sideline how she moved around a lot when her father was in the service when she was a child.

"I used to eat lunch in the bathroom," she said, "but it worked itself out in about six weeks."

Being able to share the pain and understanding how the child feels gains the trust of the child, Augustitus said.

The paraprofessionals have been especially trained for the program. They are hired based on their life experiences rather than their educational background, according to Biasotti. They meet every Friday morning for three hours for training and to discuss any problems with Ziegler and McDowell.

McDowell said that he meets with the classroom teachers and the Kids' Corner aides to set goals for each child in the program and then gives suggestions to the aides how they might accomplish them.

McDowell said that one day recently he was at Tularcitos and a girl had her mother come to the office to try to enroll her in Kids' Corner. "The child was dying to get into it, but this was a child who has no adjustment problems at all," McDowell said.

To meet this demand, Augustitus opens her Kids' Corner room to the general school population during lunch hour, letting about six kids come in for 15 minutes each.

She and Heidi Colby, the other Tularcitos Kids' Corner aide, and some helpers personally decorated the room attractively so that the atmosphere is totally different than a regular classroom. With blue and white painted squares on the wall, an interesting collection of small toys and games, and a comfortable couch, the room readily attracts the students.

The River School Kids' Corner aides are Joanna Langslet and Donna Greenfield.

Funding for the program lasts for three years. After that, Biasotti hopes to go to local service clubs for funding. "I think it's the type of program a service organization would feel good about supporting," he said.

Maureen Lavengood, of the Monterey County Department of Mental Health, told the CUSD board "you are the only district in this county that has the program." She said when it initially was developed several years ago, she tried to interest all the Monterey county school districts in it, but none responded.

Carmel Plans 75th Birthday Party this Fall

Carmel-by-the-Sea is planning a series of events to celebrate its 75th birthday on Oct. 31 in bangup fashion.

The 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee has elected Planning Commissioner Lindsay Hanna chairman and Pat Sipple, vice-chair, charged with creating a tentative calendar of events to mark the anniversary.

The last big birthday party the city held was in 1966 when it turned 50. The celebration included a breakfast party for 400 at the outdoor Forest Theater, a dance at La Playa Hotel in honor of ex-mayor Herbert Heron, and various panels of long-time residents, authors and ex-mayors.

Among ideas under consideration this year are to spread a variety of community events over a month or so, including another Forest Theater breakfast, a beach party, walking tours of the city, and a major event at Sunset Center.

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Holman Ranch:

By Isabelle Hall

Dorothy McEwen, at age 45, took on a project in 1989 that would have daunted many women half her age—the 400-acre Holman Ranch where rats nested in the roof tiles, guest lodgings were just shells with no doors, windows, bathrooms or even walls, and every room in the main house leaked.

She did it with her eyes wide open at a cost of a cool $1.7 million which looks today like the steal of the 80's. The property had been on the market for eight years, much of the time at a price of $4 million after the death of Vivian Ogden Holman in 1981.

It was built in 1928 by wealthy Gordon Armsby of San Francisco on part of the old Los Laureles Rancho as a summer retreat where Charlie Chaplin, Theda Bara and others are said to have stayed.

During the last decade, McEwen was going through a difficult divorce. She and her husband had founded the successful Digital Research Co. and lived in a large Spanish-style house in Pebble Beach.

Always ready to try something new, she took up horseback riding and jumping at the age of 40 imbued with some of her then teenage daughter's enthusiasm for horses. She took over Jack's Peak Stables and operated it as Cypress Stable for two years.

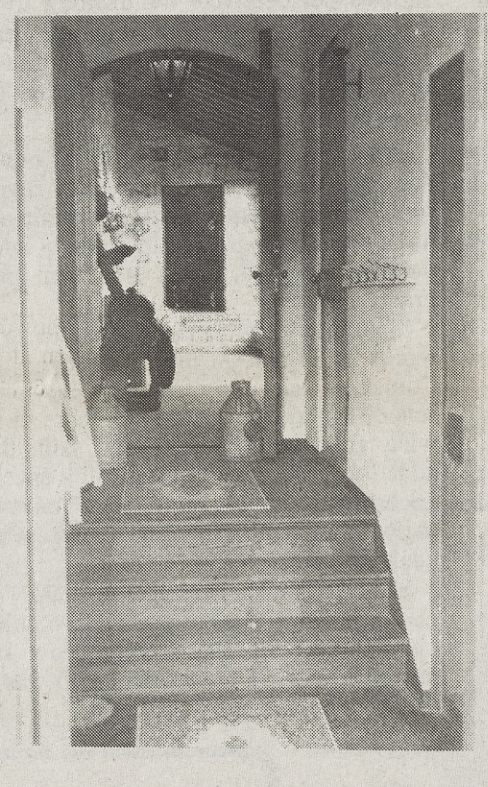
As she takes you on a tour of her current project and home, McEwen points out such major pieces of her past as stained glass windows that once adorned the Firehouse Wine Bar and Restaurant when she was a partner in that operation. Today, they have been fitted into a poolroom that is open for guests when Holman Ranch is rented for parties.

"It's wonderful," McEwen said. "We have the best bands and singers from Monterey here on weekends and beautiful catered dinners. What more could I ask."

The old ranch which sprawls along a pleasant knoll halfway up the north slopes just east of Carmel Valley Village may still have the ghosts of guests from the 30's and 40's like Chaplin, Clark Gable and June Allyson (who autographed her photograph for the Holmans). But today, parties are what the ranch is all about. There are parties there almost every weekend.

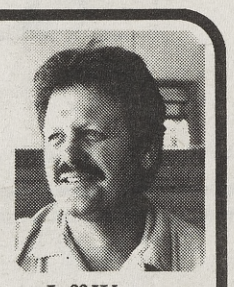
Fees to hold a wedding reception, corporate party, seminar, or even a horse show or rodeo start at $750 a day for 50 people or less and go to $1,000 for 50 to 200 people to rent the public rooms and grounds. Use of the turquoise swimming pool, wine cellar, gymnasium with spa and rodeo arena is extra.





THE BRIGHT, SUNNY LOUNGE at Holman Ranch , top left, looks much like it did when it was operated as a guest ranch by Clarence and Vivian Holman although the new owners have obtained much of their furniture and accessories from South America, including two wooden angels which flank a prayer bench, above left. The rambling house provides many charming vistas such as the hallway, above. The 400-acre ranch includes a runoff pond, below, where ducks are finding a home. *Sun photos by Isabelle Hall*



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DOROTHY MCEWEN stands in the doorway of the main entry to Holman Ranch with her dog, Pokey.

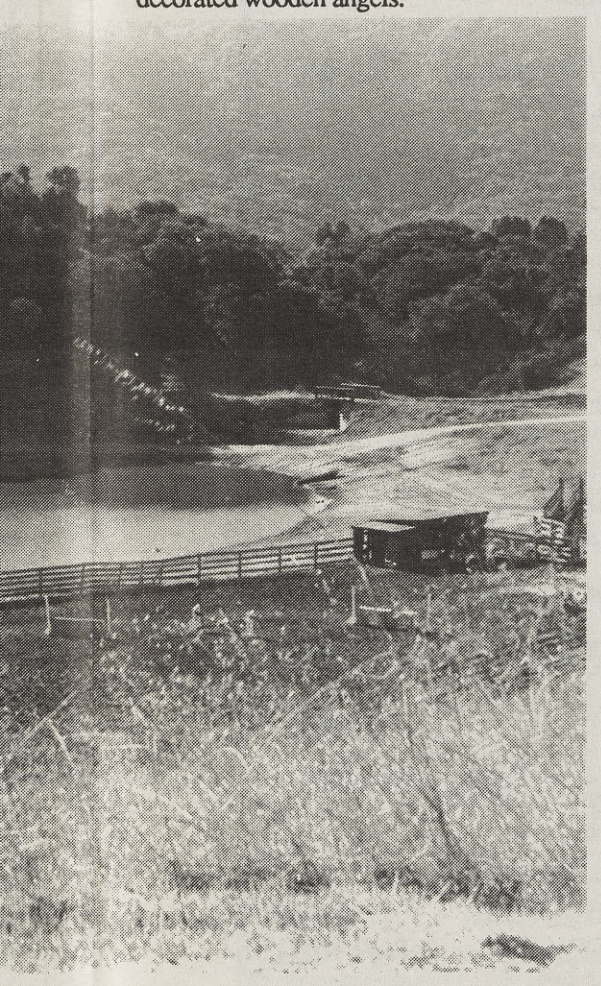
"We're booked through May," the vivacious, dark-haired McEwen bubbled, happily flipping through her appointment book.

She and her friend, Jim Fitch, also rent 12 refurbished rooms on a longterm basis. They charge from $400 for a one-room studio to $1,200 for a duplex. They board horses for $120 a month. Much of the upper slopes are rented to neighbor Lawrence Berta for cow pasture.

Meanwhile, the cleanup and fixup work goes on. An old stable has become a theater with rows of seats, nightclub size tables, and a huge old wooden bar that looks like it was made for the room.

A 1,400-square foot deck—larger than lots of local houses—has been added on the east side of the main lounge with a bridge across a waterfall and pond leading to the gazebo, a favorite spot for photographs of brides and grooms.

McEwen and Fitch also made some major purchases—at bargain basement prices—on a trip to Argentina that lend age and character to the surroundings. These include three old-fashioned buggies—also popular for wedding photos—antique carousel horses, tapestries, huge armoires, carpets, a prayer bench and two almost life-size carved and decorated wooden angels.



They rented a 20-foot container and had all their purchases shipped to the ranch for just $2,500. One of the armoires they bought for $250 has been appraised at over $5,000, McEwen confided with understandable satisfaction.

The couple has been generous in opening the ranch, which is also their home, to a wide range of non-profit organizations as they sought acceptance in the tightly-knit Village community.

The Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Valley History Society, Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) and the Carmel Bach Festival all were invited to hold parties at no cost last year.

Fitch, a former chef, provided a booth at the first Village Affair fund-raiser last year and will do so again this year offering "Holman Ranch chicken tortellinis with pesto sauce."

"Did you show her the Holman furniture?" he interjected as McEwen led this reporter through the rambling house.

In a bright, sunny combination dining room-sitting area, are a couch and chair, recently reupholstered in a blue brocade that had graced the lounge when the Holmans were alive.

Two, large, lazy cats were enjoying them, one on the couch and one on the chair. A lot of Holman memorabilia sold at auction has found its way back to the ranch.

McEwen and Fitch, a jolly-looking, amiable man, have four cats and two dogs, both of which tended to push open doors and follow along indoors and out as dogs like to do when their homes are being shown off.

But her pride and joy are two miniature burros, Curry and Reno, recently acquired from a Valley breeder, who live in the corrals by the barn along with eight McEwen horses and 17 equine boarders.

"I thought I wouldn't have anything to do when my kids finished school and this would keep me busy, " McEwen laughed. "I shouldn't say this but I hardly knew they were gone."

Actually, they aren't gone, yet. Her son, Scott Kildall, 21, will graduate from Brown University in Rhode Island this spring but he has a temporary room in the ground level that was added on to the old basement laundry under the main house. It is now a gymnasium and spa and the laundry room is a suitably dark tasting room where the original old safe is stacked with wine from Argentina.

"Bert Cutino (who owns several local restaurants) used to work here as a bus boy and he lived in one of the servants' rooms in this basement," McEwen recalled. "He couldn't believe what we had done to it. His brother was a lifeguard here at the same time."

Her daughter, Kristi Kildall, 19, has a second floor apartment which once was the chauffeur's quarters over the then, garage. She is a sophomore at Loyola Marymount College in Los Angeles.

How does this city girl, born and bred in Seattle, Wash., cope with rural life?

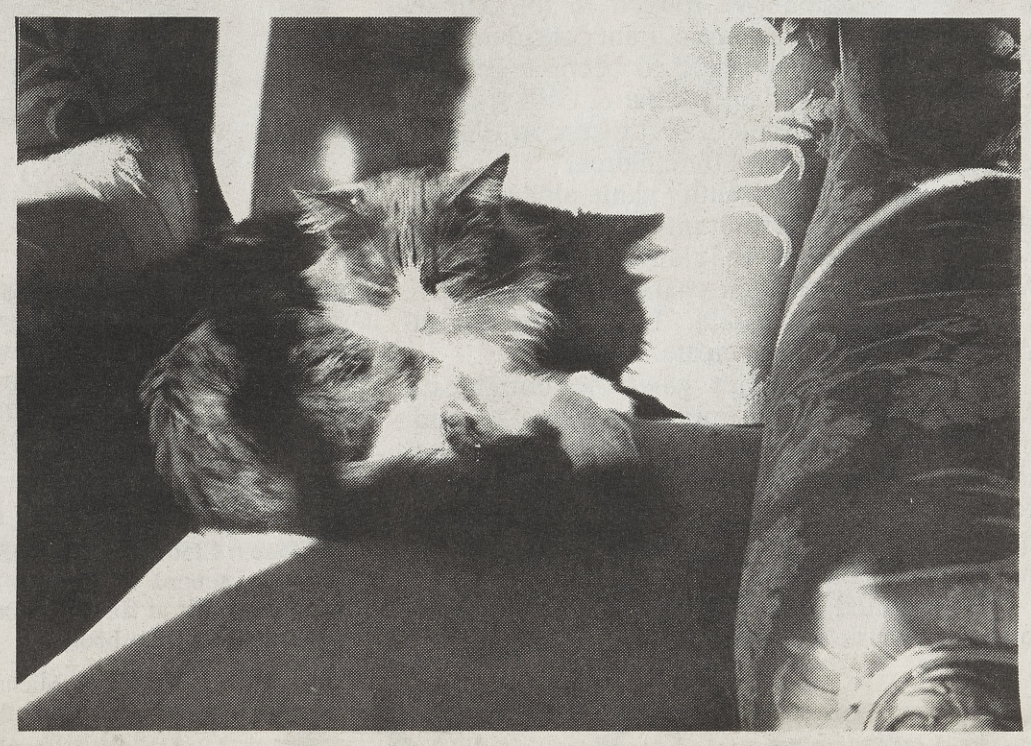
"It's wonderful," she said. "We almost never even leave the ranch. Why should we? Everything is right here."

With the help of a fulltime handyman and parttime housekeeper and gardener, they have erected a portable greenhouse, created a flower and vegetable garden, and a turkey and chicken roost and are planning a two-acre vineyard for Pinot Noir grapes.

As you drive up the winding road from about 400 feet above sea level to the ranch house, you pass a newly created pond built with the help of a tenant who works at the Monterey Aquarium. It serves to catch runoff and gray water and has a brand new island in the middle. Fourteen ducks raised by McEwen and Fitch have recently been joined by some wild ducks and even heron have stopped by, she said.

Armsby, who, the story goes, lost the ranch in the Depression, might feel right at home.







GRACEFUL LIVE OAK TREES add to the beauty of the old stone house at Holman Ranch, above. Harvey, one of four cats in residence, enjoys a nap in the sun on a blue brocade chair that was part of the original furniture, center. Dorothy McEwen's pet miniature burros, above, enjoy a treat of carrots in their corral at the barn.

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CHEF'S CORNER

Belgian Chef Gave Up Corporate Life for Valley

Marc Vandenhove had risen high in the corporate scheme of things with RKO Rossi Hotels when he decided to give up his coat and tie for a chance to live and work on the Monterey Peninsula.

He gave up his position as corporate chef in charge of the dining rooms at Cal Rossi's hotel chain, including the prestigious Donatello Hotel in San Francisco.

"I told Cal I would like to take over the new Monterey Plaza Hotel as food and beverage director and he said okay," Vandenhove said. "I fell in love with the Monterey Peninsula."

When the local hotel ran into financial problems, Vandenhove moved to the Kanke Corp in Vancouver as a restaurant consultant but then was drawn back here to become general manager for the On the Park Bar & Grill at Quail Lodge. He also headed Le Petit Cordon Bleu, a gourmet cooking school for children.

But, when the opportunity came along to buy the Fishmonger Restaurant in Carmel Valley Village from fellow Belgian Daniel Barduzzi, Vandenhove leaped at the chance.

"I like to work," he said. "I like to be back in the kitchen where I can create."

Renamed Casa Bella when he bought it, Vandenhove, 36, has plans to remodel and expand the seating at the popular restaurant using the wide experience gained since he graduated in food service and management and went on to qualify for his Master of Culinary diploma in his hometown of Liège.

He emigrated to Canada where he went on to own his own restaurant in the nation's capital.



MARC VANDENHOVE, chef-owner of Casa Bella in Carmel Valley Villlage, thinks the setting and ambience are as important as well-prepared food. After years of working as a corporate chef, the Belgian native is delighted to be back in the kitchen.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Shrimp Bisque
Marc Vandenhove
Casa Bella

1 large onion
2 stalks celery
1 large carrot
2 tbls butter
2 tbls olive oil
2 lbs fish bones (rock fish)
6 cups fish stock
3 tbls tomato paste
4 cups chopped or diced tomatoes
1 cup white wine
1 tsp fennel seeds
salt
cayenne pepper
thyme
2 bay leaves
1/2 cup baby shrimp
1 tbls cornstarch
1/4 pint whipping cream

Cut onion, celery and carrots in small cubes. Sauté in butter and oil. Add fish bones. Add tomato paste, chopped tomato with juice and white wine, Cover the ingredients with fish stock. Add salt, pepper, thyme, bay leaves and fennel seeds. Cook for one hour. Strain the bisque. Add cream and chopped shrimp and cook for 15 minutes. Dilute cornstarch in liquid, add gradually until bisque thickens. Garnish with baby shrimp and serve.

Glamorous Party Planned to Raise Funds for Tularcitos

The Parent Club of Tularcitos School—the only public elementary school in Carmel Valley—is holding a "Sweetheart Ball" at Hidden Valley in the Village Feb. 9 to raise funds for the school.

Michael Jones, co-owner of Silver Jones and the catering firm, A Moveable Feast, is planning a sumptuous menu ranging from an oyster bar to salads of greens, pasta and wild rice, an entrée of Cornish game hens and petits fours for dessert.

Wines have been donated by all the wineries in the Valley: Durney Vineyard, Chateau Julien, Domaine de Clarck, Talbott and Ventana. Hidden Valley is donating its facility for the fundraiser.

Entertainment will be provided by the popular Peninsula Broadway Blues Band which will play music from the 50's and 60's. There will be a special guest appearance by the tongue-in-cheek group, The Pointless Sisters and the Midlife Crisis Band.

Hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner and cocktails at 7:30 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Tickets at $40 each are available at Tularcitos School and Mid-Valley Pharmacy.

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OUT AND ABOUT

By Isabelle Hall

Longtime Carmel Valley Village insurance man Lou Allaire introduced Don Cummings at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner the other night with the remark that they had been in grammar school together (in about 1935).

Carmel developer Alan Williams recalled at a recent hearing on Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch project that his mother could remember grass growing on the property some 60 years ago.

Carmel attorney Jim Heisinger told the Carmel Planning Commission recently that as a little boy he had played in the streets of a project they were discussing. Dozens of local people go back much further. The amazing thing to me is that I meet up with them every day.

The names that people the local history books are still carried proudly in the Greater Carmel area by descendents, sometimes descendents many times over. This kind of continuity in a community provides a pleasant sense of security.

It gives the Carmel area two faces: one of a world-famous tourist spot, renowned for its beauty and charm; the other very much the community that has gained from the strength of the early pioneers and settlers who stayed here and whose children and grandchildren have stayed here.

I was enchanted recently reading a little book, "The Martins and the Hattons," written by Marcia De Voe about the Martin Mission Ranch and The Hatton Dairy. The Martins who came here in 1856 eventually joined the Hattons by marriage in 1903 and when Emily Martin subsequently married Leonard Williams they started a line which has a sixth generation living here today. Williams' great uncle, Abe Fadden, homesteaded the San Clemente Creek area.

The author dedicated the book to her mother, Viola Frisbee, who lived here 87 years. In an introduction, De Voe recalls teaching the children of the Martin and Hatton families for 28 years in the Carmel school district. There is a picture of her at age six at the old Snively-Ollason ranch, now the Carmel Valley Ranch.

I feel a little kinship reading how Agnes and William Martin emigrated in 1842 from Strahaven, Scotland to St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, where they farmed for 14 years before news of the California gold rush drew them to head for "the strange, new land."

My mother, Agnes Hamilton Morrison, born in a thatched roof house on the golf course at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea in Scotland emigrated to Toronto as a child of four in 1905 and here I am in this "strange, new land," having taken a much more circuitous, though less harrowing trip, to get here.

Most of my family stayed in Toronto. I was always restless to leave, and it was always the lure of the United States that drew me. I have literally worked my way west over the last 30 years from Toronto to Vermont to Boston, then New York and Washington, D.C. a 15-year side trip to Detroit, and finally Carmel.

What is it that makes some people—my sister-in-law, for example—happy to put down deep roots, to never even move from one house to another? She is an avid gardener always putting down the roots of plants and perhaps that is part of it.

Why do others of us remain constantly restless, always looking for a new setting, a new land. I have lived in about 21 different houses and apartments and I am only half kidding when I say I have my bags packed ready for the day people can travel to the moon and beyond.



THE ORIGINAL MARTIN HOUSE, remodeled and expanded over the years, at Mission Ranch. The first story became the second story and a porch was added. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

I don't feel like a pioneer. I really don't feel as if I have gone anywhere much, particularly when I contemplate all the places in the world I would like to see for myself, places I have visited only vicariously through books.

It is thrilling to read in De Voes' book about Agnes and William Martin, who was in his 60's when he sold his farm in Ontario, and with Agnes, five sons and a daughter, took a boat down the Mississippi River to New Orleans and a ship to Central America, where by land, they crossed the Isthmus of Panama, and boarded another boat to come back up the Pacific Coast.

It was March, 1856, she writes, when "Captain Josselyn's Schooner" stopped in Monterey to unload cargo. The Martins went ashore, past the adobe buildings that comprised the village, and up the hill where they enjoyed a picnic lunch under the oaks and pines.

So taken with the land, they decided to stay, and went on to lease and then buy three parcels of land at the mouths of the Pajaro, Salinas and Carmel Rivers where they raised potatoes, a crop that in those days was like the gold they had set out to find.

Meanwhile, Anna Hatton was born in 1876 at the Los Laureles Ranch in Carmel Valley where her father, William, was the overseer. In 1903. she married William E. Martin, who was born in 1873 at Mission Ranch, thereby uniting two of the pioneer settlers of Carmel and Carmel Valley.

I am serving on a local committee with Glenn Leidig, who traces his family to Isabel Martin. She married Robert Leidig who moved to Carmel from Illinois in 1904. The Leidigs opened the first grocery store in Carmel and today, Glenn Leidig is constructing a commercial building at 8th and San Carlos. He plans to live above it.

If I were to travel to St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, I could see a gravestone with my great-grandfather's name on it, noting that he had been the mayor in the 1800's. But, I don't know anyone there nor do I know if I have any relatives, however distant.

Those of us who don't stay for generations have to keep moving on to new lives, keeping the past in our heads, enjoying the history of those we meet along the way. Maybe, that is what being a reporter is all about. You don't create events. You chronicle and try to interpret them.

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BRUSHSTROKES

By Anita DeCarlo

Hou Zhong Yu at the Cherry Foundation

Something very exciting is happening. There are signs that we are once again awakening to the art of China. As with all debts, we've forgotten what our most important modern art owes to China, via Japan, and since that input 100 years ago we've wandered in a wilderness of "isms," social flagellation, optic eye benders, hard edged denials of the source of beauty, nature. We need to take another look at Chinese art.

Perhaps it took the child prodigy, Wang Yani, whose work was exhibited at the Smithsonian in 1989 and last year in San Francisco to open the door back up, and give us a look at the enduring beauty of Chinese art.

For us locally it took the cry for freedom in Tiananmen Square in 1989. Hou Zhong Yu fled from the persecution of that demonstration and now resides in Salinas. His traditional Chinese painting is on exhibit at the Cherry Foundation along with some exquisite 18th century scholars' articles from Art Asia.

Hou Zhong's ancestors were scholars, artists and landowners, enemies of the revolution, according to Communist doctrine. His family has been



persecuted and has had to burn their family history going back 300 years. At the risk of their lives, they hid precious paintings and books so that Hou Zhong would truly know who he is.

He is a fifth generation artist. With sacrifice, patience and endurance, his artistic gift has survived. I think the fact that China is now reexamining its educational goals and reaffirming traditional aesthetic values is a sign that 35 centuries of civilization cannot be crushed, that the culture will continue to endure.

In order to appreciate Hou Zhong's paintings in more than a superficial way, it will be helpful for me to give you some background about Chinese art and culture.

It is of fascinating interest to me that throughout their history the Chinese way of looking at life was not primarily through religion or philosophy or science, as with other civilizations, but through art. All their other activities seem to have been colored by their artistic sensitivity.

Instead of religion, the Chinese preferred the art of living in the world; instead of rationalization, they indulged in poetic and imaginative thinking; and, instead of science, they pursued flights of astrology, alchemy and fortune telling.

Chinese painting never became the handmaid of religion (except during the influence of a foreign religion, Buddhism); it avoided the pitfalls of reason; it escaped the glorification of the personal ego as exemplified by expressionism, romanticism or surrealism (ism! ism! ism!); nor did it ever emphasize imitation at the expense of the imaginative recreation of experience.

Chinese artists do not paint directly from life (Xiescheng). Instead, the artist absorbs and accumulates sensory impressions from nature, responds to them, eliciting the essential observed in nature and gives us more than is physically (scientifically) present by leaving out much of what is physically present. Chinese painting is supreme in artistic purity.

The western cartoon of an artist would depict him starving in an attic, deranged, decadent and self-alienated from general society. But, in China art was an extension of the Chinese way of life and flourished in the cultural climate of Taoism and Confucianism, the two indigenous doctrines of living. These two modes of thought intermingled to establish the eventual content, form and overtones of Chinese painting: the wedding of spirit and matter, inner reality in a fusion of opposites.

Western opposites were diametrically opposed and in conflict (heaven and hell). The Chinese fusion was a dynamic union of opposites which needed one another for completeness.

In China, art took over the functions of religion and philosophy and became the prime vehicle for man's most profound thoughts and feelings about the



A PAINTING OF A PEONY by Chinese artist Hou Shong Yu uses color, above. A delicate sculpture, below left. *Sun photos by Anita DeCarlo*

mystery of the universe. The universe had one power, the Tao. This concept of the Tao was the touchstone of Chinese painting, affecting the creative imagination, the subject matter and the interpretations.

"When one approaches the wonderful, one knows not whether art is Tao or Tao is art." (Hui Tsung). The Chinese artist sought harmony with the universe by communion with all things.

Hou Zhong, like his predecessors, chose themes from nature because everything within nature partakes of the mystery of the Tao. The rocks in his paintings are not inanimate objects, they are living things. In his flower painting, there is the life, the essence or spirit of the flower. The horses are the essence of horse.

Notice the voids (spaces or negatives) in Hou Zhang's paintings. Space is not a measurable quantity but a vehicle for suggesting the immeasurable vastness, a visible symbol of an all-embracing universe.

In the fourth painting down the right wall of this exhibit, a miniscule figure coaxes a bull past a cascading waterfall over rocks. With dashing brushstrokes of ink and limited colors, voids and line he has created an overwhelming sense of the majesty and vastness of nature.

In first studying Chinese art and history 30 years ago, I was smitten with the revelation in Chinese painting in which man is depicted small because he is the least perfect of nature's creations. He had yet to find his place in the Tao, in the harmony of the universe. It felt to me like the first piece in the puzzle.

Another reflection of Taoism which we see in Hou Zhong's paintings is movement. His dragon turns and twists in ceaseless motion. His tiger is sinuous movement. The only constant is change. In change there is movement. This is perhaps the most subtle aspect of the Tao for inspiring an inner pictorial dynamism.

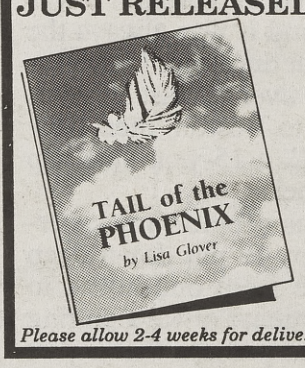
The idea of activity in tranquility applies to all relationships and results from a resolution of opposites; the Yin and the Yang. Only by opposites can we know something—something is tall compared to short, or warm compared to cool, or light compared to dark, or easy compared to difficult. Yin Yang sets up tensions in the universe and the Tao resides in tension. Perhaps this is most obvious in the two waterfall paintings. The mountains and the water are opposites (up, down) and need each other for completion.

In Hou Zhong's paintings, as with all traditional Chinese paintings, there are no deserts, gruesome swamps or desolate places, or even the commonplace, no paintings of the ugly, the sordid or the deformed as in Western art. The Tao of heaven belongs equally to earth. You cannot seek harmony in disharmony. The disharmony that exists is man's and he has not yet found his niche in the Tao.

And finally, why, except in the painting of the flower where the color is the essence of the idea, has Hou Zhong used little or no color? His Via Vie paintings (rapid use of ink) most closely follow Tao and tradition in which the creative process is best described in terms of emptiness, simplicity and suggestion.

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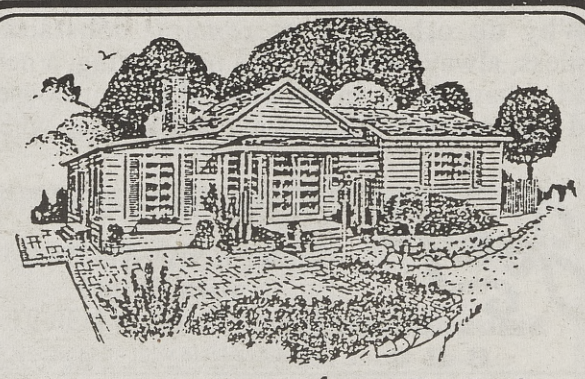
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DISCOVERY—THE LIVELY ARTS

By Barbara Rose Shuler

Last week the bards spoke out. Storyteller Ashley Ramsden enacted a provocative piece about time, purpose and love on Monday evening at the Thunderbird Bookstore. His presentation was the première in English of "A New Year's Tale" by Russian writer Vladimir Dudinziev—a spectacular performance.

Then Saturday evening celebrated poet Robert Bly opened the Monterey Peninsula College Spring Poetry Series and shared his works and views along with those of other poets. Both events drew large audiences, standing room only.

Perhaps you've noticed that poets, storytellers, and modern minstrels seem to be more present among us these days. As of old, those of the bardic traditions travel from region to region reciting poetry, telling stories, sharing their experiences and striking responsive chords in those who collect around them.

These individuals seem often to possess a special fire, a kind of magic that cuts to the heart of things. They seem to speak truth and to awaken our minds, hearts and senses to the life around us. They share our grief and help us transform it. They remind us of joys profound and ordinary, make us laugh and challenge us to create. They also bring news of other cultures and traditions, recall the past and point us to a wholesome future. These traveling performers, women and men alike, do today what they have done for many ages—educate, enlighten and heal.

I must, in honesty, express some disappointment with Bly's appearance Saturday evening, however. He began angry. Responding to the solemn mood of the country on the edge of a frightening war, he invoked Vietnam and spoke of President George Bush as the curseful king "who gestures to the young to die."

It seemed that Bly—who has genuinely empowered thousands of men to break through fierce chains imposed by growing up in modern society—was locked somewhere in the 60's last Saturday, unresolved, still railing at President Lyndon Johnson and the Establishment.

His anger set a discordant tone that seemed to aggravate the pain of this issue rather than transform it. If what he intended was to help people deal with their own grief and confusion about war and killing, he fell short. He involved the suffering of innocent children and other nightmares of war and neglect through his poetry and comments. Then, he asked for reaction from the audience which brought a variety of responses from a scream to a telephone number written on a blackboard.

Things moved jerkily from there. The evening never really took off. Bly moved from one theme to another without connecting them in a satisfactory way as if the initial expressions of anger had stunted his poetic flow and attunement. He asked people from his Asilomar workshop to participate, including Ashley Ramsden and sitar player David Whetstone.

Even Ashley Ramsden reciting an impressive American Indian tale didn't pull the fragments of the evening together. The sense of the "wonderful nights of wild joy" of past Bly readings was absent giving way to confusion more than anything else. Perhaps Bly's bardic voice was just tired Saturday. It is exhausting to publish two successful books in one year as he has, to run workshops, lecture, and try to live a life as well. With the horror of war looming...well, maybe it is just too much.

There were some lovely, powerful words to be harvested from the evening in spite of the disjointedness. Poetry of Emily Dickinson, D. H. Lawrence, along with translation of Jelal 'uddin Rumi and Hafiz—the great Persian poets—were enjoyable. One of Bly's concluding offerings contained the refrain "...do not sink into sadness." If Bly had absorbed these wise words of Hafiz more fully before the evening began perhaps our journey with him would have been more satisfying, more complete.

Bly comes to us as a wayshower, one who understands the power of myth and the need for initiation, of learning the language of the soul. We need his strong voice but maybe it needs to rest for awhile.

C.V. Conservationist Wins DAR Award

Mary Ann "Corky" Matthews, a noted conservationist on the Monterey Peninsula, has won the Monterey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) 1991 award for conservation.

Matthews was nominated by the California Native Plant Society along with John Dotson from Santa Catalina School for the awards from the Commodore Sloat Chapter Conservation Committee of the DAR.

Margaret Wentworth Owings of Big Sur, a nationally acclaimed environmentalist, was given the National Conservation Medal.

The awards were presented at a DAR luncheon Feb. 15 at the First Presbyterian Church in Monterey.

A former English teacher, Matthews said her interest in conservation and native plants was first sparked in the 1950's when she worked at Yosemite. She has been the Production Manager of the *Weekly Sun*, formerly the *Carmel Valley Sun*, for the past three years.



MARY ANN MATTHEWS

DAR Hosts Seminar

The Commodore Sloat Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will host the 10th Annual Genealogical Seminar Feb. 2 in conjunction with the Family History Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Jimmy Parker will deliver the keynote address at 8:30 a.m. on "How to Use the Family Search Program." The seminar will be held at the church in Seaside. Attendance with lunch is $20, $15 without lunch.

Village Artist Honored

Carmel Valley Village artist William J. Schnute was invited to participate in the Society of Animal Artists Gallery Exhibition underway at the Kimball Art Center in Park City, Utah.

Schnute, who was elected a member of the prestigious society in 1981, had his sculpture of a great horned owl chosen for the show. Titled "Things that Go Bump in the Night," it depicts a great horned owl perched above a block of Monterey Shale in the artist's interpretation of the history of man.

The international organization is the oldest association of animal and wildlife painters and sculptors in the world, Schnute said. It was founded in 1960.

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Supervisors Cool to Citizens' Suggested Zoning Changes

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such items as increased density and height and setback requirements. Recalling when the citizens' review committee was appointed in June in response to an uproar of protest, Del Piero asked County Planning Director Robert Slimmon: "Didn't we specifically charge this group not to recommend changes which would require amending the (County's) general plan?"

Similarly, Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, whose district is probably most sensitive to the need for strict zoning regulation to preserve the area's natural beauty, noted that the advisory committee had proposed replacing the definition "development" with the definition "construction" throughout the ordinance.

"Tree cutting and grading are probably the greatest sources of complaints" in the fifth district, she said, indicating these activities would be covered under "development," but not "construction."

"This is a major change," she said.

She also took exception when Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck tried to get her colleagues to send the citizens' version of the ordinance back to the Planning Commission with instructions that it should be the starting point in efforts to develop new rules to govern land use in all unincorporated areas of the County.

"I wouldn't presume to tell the Planning Commission how to handle this," Strasser Kauffman said. "In the past, we've always left it up to the commissioners. I would not want to hamstring them."

Under state guidelines, the County must approve a new zoning ordinance reflecting its master plan and eight separate area plans now that they have been approved. The new ordinance, Title 21, will replace a frequently amended ordinance, Title 20, that originally was drafted in 1953.

Supervisors set aside a half day on their agenda on May 21 for the Planning Commission to make its proposals on the ordinance. Slimmon said the commissioners would hold at least two public hearings before then.

Tuesday's hearing before the supervisors was closed—that is, no public comment was allowed. The chamber was packed, but the crowd was mostly quiet and orderly. Some of the audience tried to hold up blue, printed signs early in the hearing that urged the adoption of the citizens' recommendations, but Karas told the audience signs were not allowed. He later told them applause was not allowed, either, when they applauded Handley's summation, prompting them to applaud Karas' own remarks.

The citizens' recommendations were presented by Handley, a rancher; engineer Ken Whitson of Carmel; real estate broker Ileene Crane-Franks of Cachagua; Nancy Isakson, an employe of Hayward Lumber in Pacific Grove and a member of the League of Women Voters; contractor Rich Evans of Carmel Valley; and Brian Finegan, a lawyer from Salinas.

Tree cutting and grading are probably the greatest source of complaints in the fifth district. But they wouldn't be covered under the proposed change in definition.

—Supervisor Strasser Kauffman

Most of the original objections to Title 21 came from the rural areas of the county, focusing on such proposed regulations as limitations on hunting and fishing on a person's own property, how many dogs and cats a farmer could keep and what color farmers must paint their water storage tanks. These concerns were mainly allayed by supervisors last summer during two raucous hearings on the new ordinance.

The issues that the citizens' committee focused on were more substantive. They included such suggestions as making a distinction between a home occupation and a cottage industry.

A home occupation, Crane-Franks said, would be in-home work which would have no impact on neighbors and should be allowed without a permit. She cited as an example someone who made quilts or did typing in their home.

In contrast, a cottage industry would be regulated and have to meet specific conditions under the advisory committee's proposals. An example of this might be light manufacturing assembly.

Citizens also told supervisors that the "visual sensitivity" regulations proposed in the original version of Title 21 were too restrictive, ignored property rights and were designed mainly to keep people in remote areas such as Cachagua from building on too steep slopes. The committee recommended creating three distinctive visual sensitivity zones with clearcut purposes for each.

The group also proposed making it easier for people to build senior citizen and caretaker housing units on their property, providing that restrictions be placed on deeds so that the units could not be used as rentals.

Explaining the group's rationale, Isakson said there was a need for housing for the elderly and live-in care to take care of older citizens.

In what is sure to be one of the more controversial recommendations, she also said the committee "believes that subsequent subdivisions which divide the main residence from a senior citizen unit or caretaker unit should not be strictly prohibited, but should be allowed where lots created meet minimum lot size and density requirements of the existing zoning."

Similarly, the citizens' committee recommended that bed and breakfast accommodations be allowed in any residential neighborhood where they were otherwise consistent with the county general plan.

Finegan outlined changes the group would like to see in the treatment of legal, non-conforming uses—land uses that were legal when they were established but which would no longer conform to subsequent zoning regulation changes.

He said the committee felt legal, non-conforming residences should be able to be added on to, repaired without a permit up to 50 percent of the property's value and rebuilt if destroyed by fire or other catastrophe.

He said the group took exception to proposals which would allow legal, non-conforming uses to be challenged by 25 percent of the neighbors within 100 feet. He said no legal, non-conforming use should be terminated solely because it was on a substandard size lot, adding that it should take 100 percent of the neighbors within 100 feet to force the issue before the Planning Commission, He said commissioners should be required to make legal finding as to why a legal, non-conforming use should be ended.

Finegan also said the committee felt attorneys' fees should be awarded to residents whose legal, non-conforming use was challenged by anyone, including Monterey County, but eventually upheld by the courts.

The citizens' committee also proposed two changes in the ordinance's section on enforcement. It said the County must not withhold approval of permits when an existing violation is alleged to exist until the owner is apprised of that purported violation. Moreover, it said that an applicant must be told about a complaint about an alleged violation and who is making it before an application can be denied or withheld.

At the start of the hearing, Karas said that a "minority report" would be filed to the committee's recommendations. It was expected to be filed by Charmaine Cruchette of Prunedale, a former Planning Commission chair who served on the advisory group. But when Karas called for any rebuttal, no one responded. "That's her tough luck," Karas said.

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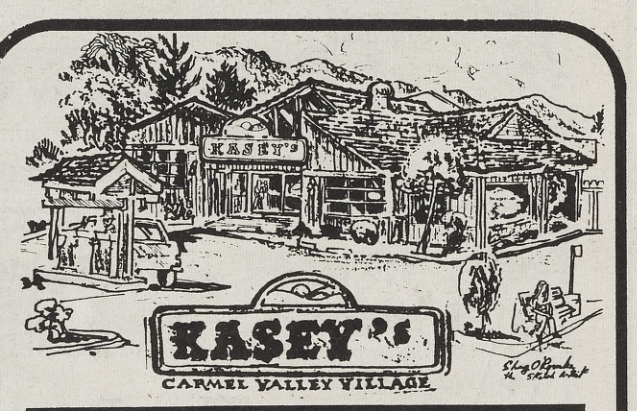


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Post Office Marks 50th Anniversary

The Carmel Valley History Society will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of a Post Office at Rosie's Cracker Barrel on Sunday, Feb. 10 in the Village.

It is planning an open house, the issuance of a commemorative envelope, and a display of historic Robles del Rio cancellations to mark the anniversary of William Irwin "Rosie" Henry's establishment of the Post Office at his general store and saloon.

Historian Rick Wilkerson said records indicated that Henry received his presidential confirmation as postmaster on Jan. 15, 1941, and opened the office for business Feb. 10, 1941. His confirmation was delivered by rural carrier from Monterey which at that time served the entire area.

The Robles del Rio Post Office operated until May 31, 1952, when the federal government opened the Carmel Valley Post Office with Postmaster Sam Brandt in charge.

"Rosie" got his colorful nickname by virtue of his red hair and freckles, Wilkerson said. The building, now occupied by Stew's Plumbing, is little changed from its original state. It is owned by Stew Clough who is president of the history society.

Clough said Rosie's Cracker Barrel will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to view an historical display from the post office and and other Valley memorabilia.

AMBAG Proposal Leads Agenda

Proposals that could virtually eliminate free parking in downtown Carmel and other major tourist areas on the peninsula will be aired before the Carmel City Council at a special meeting Jan. 22.

Representatives of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) will tell a public hearing at the 4 p.m. council meeting about proposals to meet the California Clean Air Act goal of reducing automotive air pollution by two tons per day by 1994.

Among 11 ordinances suggested, AMBAG proposed charging for parking in all downtown districts and creating visitor oriented bus shuttle services for such areas as downtown Carmel, the Crossroads and Barnyard shopping centers and 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach. It said both measures would need to be in effect by January, 1992.

Faced with a heavy agenda, including some controversial appeals, the council had to postpone almost half of the agenda at its regular Jan. 8 meeting to Tuesday's session. It had originally been planned as an AMBAG study session.

Scheduled for consideration after the AMBAG presentation will be action on the long-delayed Carmel 2016 committee created to consider the future of the city when it turns 100 and several traffic-related measures.

The council also is expected to approve a resolution designed to cope with the building moratorium imposed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District starting Jan. 1.

Unlike the Monterey County Planning Department, which has continued to accept applications for eventual approval when the moratorium is ended, Carmel will no longer accept applications if the resolution is approved.

Planning Director Diane White, in a recap of applications last year, has reported that 347 were received compared to 310 in 1989. They included 42 requests for residential design review, compared with 41 in 1989; 59 for commercial design review, up from 31 in 1989; and 72 for design study compared with 59 a year ago.

"Continuing to accept applications for water using projects will jeopardize the city's ability to comply with the district's supply goal and may interfere with implementation of the priority project land uses established in the Water Management ordinance and the General Plan," the resolution states.

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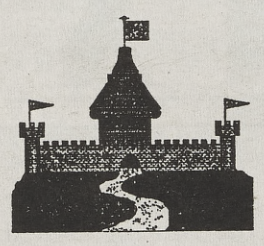
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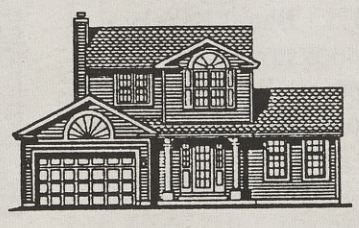
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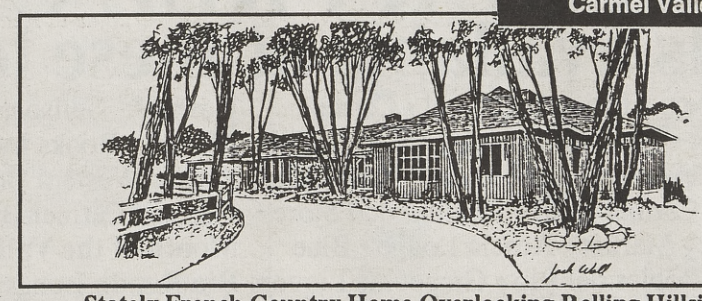
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Filed Jan. 7, 1991
File No.F910023

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25545 Hatton Road
Carmel, Ca 93921
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441 Lighthouse Avenue
Pacific Grove, Ca 93950
JOHN R. NARDONE
1060 Indian Village Road
Pebble Beach, Ca 93953

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(s) Jerry W. Gleason
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The following individual is doing business as:
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CAROLE CAMPO
722 Granite Street
Pacific Grove, Ca 93950

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(s) Carole Campo
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY
Case No. M22789
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CCP 1277

In the Matter of the Application of EMILY ANN SHERMAN, JUSTIN ALLEN SHERMAN, minor(s), by VICKI HARBER, Mom-Legal Guardian, Petitioner for Change of Name.

WHEREAS, VICKI HARBER, petitioner, as Mom-Legal Guardian of applicant EMILY ANN SHERMAN, JUSTIN ALLEN SHERMAN, minor(s) has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing applicant's name from EMILY ANN SHERMAN, JUSTIN ALLEN SHERMAN to EMILY ANN SHERMAN HARBER, JUSTIN ALLEN SHERMAN HARBER;

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in Department A of this court located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California, on **February 8, 1991, at 9:30 A.M.,** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in The Weekly Sun, Carmel Valley, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Monterey County, California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

DATED: Jan. 4, 1991.
WILLIAM D. CURTIS
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish Sun: Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, 1991.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed Jan. 3, 1991
File No.F910011

The following individual is doing business as:
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(s) J. Quist, President, Quist Kearney Corp.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed Nov. 19, 1990
File No.F901923

The following individual is doing business as:
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JEANETTE O. BOREEN
56 Via Castanada
Monterey, Ca 93940

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Nov. 19, 1990.
(s) Jeanette O. Boreen
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed Dec. 27, 1990
File No.F902129

The following person is doing business as:
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KATHERINE A. SCOTT
109 11th Street
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Dec. 7, 1990.
(s) Katherine A. Scott
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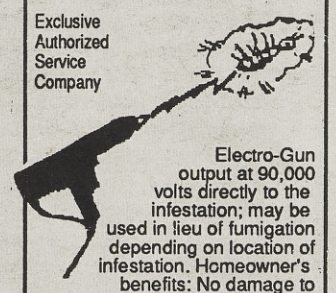
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Padres Drop Back-to-Back Contests

After scouting his league competition earlier this year, Carmel basketball coach Rich Frank singled out Palma and Robert Louis Stevenson as probably the toughest teams.

In the past week, they showed Frank and his Padres just how tough they were, handing the defending Mission Trail Athletic League champs back-to-back losses.

On Friday, Carmel fell 51-37 to a clearly more talented Palma team at Palma. Carmel fell behind twice only to scrap back into contention. The Padres had a chance to get back into it in the final minutes, but failed to convert on a number of possessions.

In the Palma game, R. J. Powell, Carmel's freshman point guard, scored 11 points and senior forward Lance Scott hit for 10.

On Tuesday, Carmel hosted R. L. Stevenson, which had a 20-for-24 night at the free throw line, handing the Padres a 58-43 setback.

The two losses dropped Carmel's league record to 1-3 and 4-10 overall.

Against RLS, Scott led Carmel scorers with 18 points and Powell added 8.

In JV play, Carmel lost 52-41 to Palma as Padres Nate Stiles hit for 14 and Jason Edwards scored 13. The Padre JV bounced back against RLS, however, scoring a 37-31 win. In that game, Kyle Koontz and Ryan Edwards each had 7 points for the victors.

In freshman play, Carmel lost to Gonzales 56-36, to Palma 67-20 and to R. L. Stevenson, 36-37. Coach John Ables said in thr RLS game his six top players did an outstanding job without Larry Brooks who was out with an injury.

Carmel High League Basketball Schedule

43-54	Alisal
56-36	Gonzales
37-51	Palma
43-58	R.L. Stevenson
Jan. 18	Pacific Grove
Jan. 22	King City*
Jan. 29	Gonzales
Feb. 1	Palma*
Feb. 5	R. L. Stevenson
Feb. 8	Pacific Grove*
Feb. 12	King City
Feb. 15	Alisal*

* Home games-7:30 p.m.

Village Affair Monday

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Christian. Alan Richmond of KMST-TV will conduct the live auction.

The popular event is sponsored by the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) to raise funds for pathways which meander through the Village. As an unincorporated area, there is no government agency to provide safe and convenient walkways for residents, especially children and handicapped residents who live at Rippling River.

Twenty Village restaurants and caterers will provide a variety of hors d'oeuvres such as poached salmon with dill sauce, prime roast beef canapés with blue cheese butter and chicken cacciatore. There will be wine-tasting stations from seven local wineries: Durney, Talbott, Chateau Julien, de Clarck, Georis, Jouillan and Ventana.

Inside the recently remodeled Los Laureles Lodge will be four chefs offering dessert and coffee. And, for anyone reluctant to drive home, the Lodge is offering a room for $45 overnight.

The $25 tickets are available at Los Laureles Lodge, Carmel Valley Market, Valley Lodge, the *Weekly Sun*, Kasey's, Baum & Blume, Sweet Retreat and Carmel Valley Business Service, all in the Village; and at Allen & Company and Carmel Rancho Art & Framing at the mouth of the Valley.

One Valley couple who said they could not attend the event but wanted to support the pathways project have already contributed $500. Last year the event raised a total of $16,000.

Water Company in Trouble Again

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water. It's a serious situation."

His comments were echoed by Jane Haines, a Pacific Grove attorney who represents some of the 18 or so families served by the water company.

She estimated as of Tuesday that nine families served by the water company still were without any water and that the quality of all water in the system had deteriorated since the freeze damage.

"The bottom of the tank is full of mud," she said, "and he doesn't want to spend any money to repair the system. He keeps saying the owners have to pay for this."

The *Sun's* efforts to reach Gates were unsuccessful.

Wong won approval of a $5,000 emergency grant from the state on Jan. 9 under provisions of the Emergency Clean Drinking Water Fund. On Jan. 11, the County had Culligan Water Company deliver seven and one half gallons of bottled water to homeowners in the company's service area.

A flyer on Monterey County stationery was delivered with the water saying:

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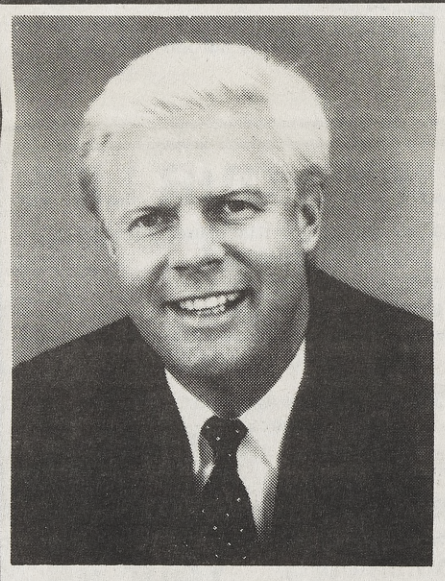
"If your needs for drinking and cooking exceed this amount, ... an adjustment may be made on your allocation. This water will be delivered for a maximim period of three weeks unless funds run out at an earlier time. Therefore, we do suggest that you make alternate plans for future sources of water."

Gates had been in Municipal Court just last Friday for arraignment on the securities violation charges. Action was put off until Feb. 1 because the judge said he was not familiar with the securities laws under which the County is attempting to prosecute him.

According to Wong, the latest in a series of incidents involving Gates and the water company began Dec. 27 when Haines reported on behalf of several of the homeowners that the freeze had burst many pipes and the storage tank was empty.

The County was unable to contact Gates at the time, but four days later, Raley Naito, an environmental health specialist, gave Gates a notice of violation. It ordered him to clean, disinfect and repair all wells and provide at least 14,000 gallons of potable water, buying it from a licensed hauler.

When it became clear after the first of the year that Gates was taking no action, the County began the legal work to seek the temporary restraining order from Silver.



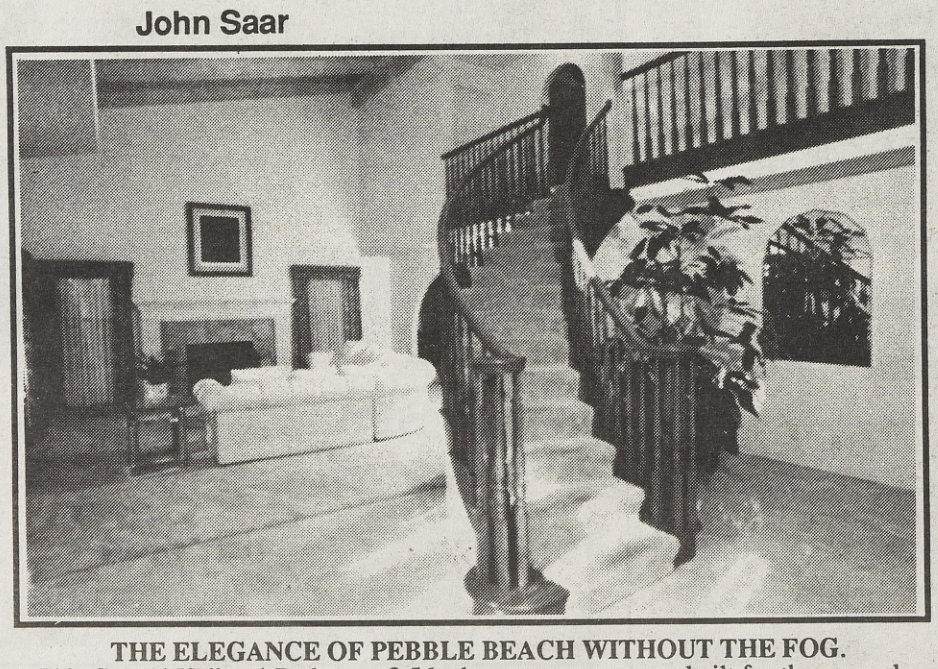
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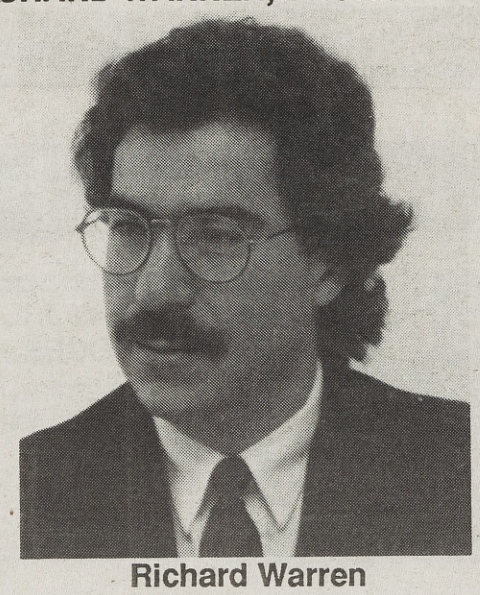
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Richard entered the Southern California real estate marketplace in 1979 after graduating from Occidental College. He has extensive experience in the marketing, sale and exchange of prestigious resort properties and has received numerous awards, including top salesman of the year and was chosen "team player of the year" by his peers in the real estate community. He recently completed an extensive commercial-investment program leading tot he coveted C.C.I.M. designation, representing the ultimate in commercial-investment brokerage training. When not busy in real estate, Richard can be found serving as the golf director on cruise ships which have taken him and his wife, Barbara, to many parts of the world. He is also a dedicated golf historian and collector of interesting golf memorabilia, as well as a collector of antiques and folk-art.
Richard looks forward to working with you. You will find his integrity and dependability first class. Richard Warren 625-3535, 626-1516.

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